

# News Letter Journal

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## WCHS will offer tuition reimbursement for employees

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Weston County Health Services will now offer a tuition reimbursement program for employees who will train to fill position gaps at the facility. On

Oct. 10, the board of trustees approved a policy that outlines the guidelines for the tuition reimbursement program.

The goal of the program is to fill positions that are not easily filled, such as lab technicians and coders, with WCHS

employees who are willing to take the extra schooling. The reimbursement will be only for specific positions, and on a case-to-case basis.

Julie Sindlinger, the human resources director, explained that the policy was written

with the intention of filling two currently open positions, one lab technician and one certified billing/coding personnel. She noted that the total cost for those two targeted education reimbursement programs is \$6,000, but she said that the

positions that would include tuition aid can change as needs change at the facility.

"The board can approve whatever they want in the budget, then as positions become available, employees can apply for the tuition reim-

bursement," hospital attorney Jim Peck said.

The maximum reimbursement of total tuition costs is 75 percent, according to Peck, who also explained that the

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## Cowboying for candy



Collin McConkey rides his buckin' bull through the Halloween parade at Newcastle Elementary School on Oct. 31. Families are invited to line the gym and hallways as students parade through the school in their costumes for all to see. Check out page 8 for more Halloween fun. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

## Newcastle's cost of living remains low

Bri Brasher  
NLJ Reporter

The Wyoming Administration and Information Department's Economic Analysis Division recently released a report detailing consumer costs across the state for the second quarter of 2017, and Weston County continues to enjoy one of the lowest costs of living in Wyoming.

The Wyoming Cost of Living Index (WCLI) is produced biannually based on the year's second and fourth quarters. The WCLI is comprised of inflation, an annual measurement, and the Comparative Cost of Living Index, which assesses each county's cost of living, and compares it to the statewide average. The Comparative Cost of Living Index is created per quarter and compared to the statewide average.

The largest city or town in each county is priced and included in the WCLI, and any city or town with populations over 5,000 or at least 80 percent of the county's largest community population is measured. In some cases, only one community met the criteria for pricing in a county, so that community's prices were used to represent the entire county, and that was the case in Newcastle and Weston County. Where two communities were surveyed, the prices were averaged in the report.

According to the economic analysis, 140 items were aggregated into six cat-

egories, and when they were measured, it indicated that inflation was slower in this state than it was nationally.

"Wyoming experienced a 1.1 percent increase in annual (All Items) inflation from the second quarter of 2016 to the second quarter of 2017," reported the Wyoming Administration and Information Department. Comparatively, the national inflation rate over the same period was 1.6, as reported by the BLS in the Consumer Price Index. The report continued in breaking down each of the six consumer categories in the WCLI.

"Statewide annual inflation rates by consumer category for the second quarter of 2017: Apparel (5.4%), Food (3.8%), Medical (3.3%), Recreation & Personal Care (1.3%), Transportation (1.1%), and Housing (-0.3%)," reported the Wyoming Administration and Information Department Economic Analysis Division.

Of the 24 counties in Wyoming (Lincoln County has two separate measurements), Weston County ranked 21st in Comparative Cost of Living, meaning that the county's cost of living is comparatively lower than most other parts of the state. The statewide average overall index number was 100 while Weston County's index number came out to be 91. By category, the index numbers were broken down into food (95), housing (82), apparel (97), transportation (102),

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## City looks at updating cemetery ordinance

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

An updated draft of the ordinance governing the Newcastle-owned Greenwood Cemetery has been recommended to the City Council for review and approval by the city's cemetery committee, made up of individuals from the city council. The cemetery ordinance was originally

written and adopted in 1960. A few changes were made to the document in 1987. Fees were adjusted in 2008 and provisions were added to require a casket enclosure, prohibit a subdivision of a burial plot and update the burial application.

"The importance of this ordinance is to clarify and codify practice and policy into a uniform document

all can follow and understand, and avoid lots of exceptions. It makes things clear for everybody," City Clerk-Treasurer Greg James said.

In August, James presented the draft update to Mayor Deb Piana and the City Council for consideration and review so their recommendations could be

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## State to roll out new vehicle titles

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

The state of Wyoming recently authorized a new certificate of title for all vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, mobile homes and other vehicles. The new titles will look and feel different from those currently being issued through county clerk's offices.

"Titles issued at your local county clerk's office will transition to slightly larger paper, and include new information and improved security features," according to a press release from the state.

The release also says that the new titles will have space on the back for including a sale price, which county treasurers recommend be completed by the seller at the time of the sale.

Weston County Clerk Jill Sellers reported that the county will begin using the new titles sometime in January, although some clerks will start using the new titles as early as November. Sellers noted that the county will use the titles now on hand at the office before switching to the new document.

"Our titling software has been reconfigured to print correctly on the new version, and Tyler Technologies will make that switch when we are ready to start using them. Otherwise, the process in my office will not change," Sellers said about the necessary changes to accommodate the new title style in her office.

With the switch, all previous titles will remain valid and acceptable, stated the press release.

## Community Christmas Cantata takes a year off

Bri Brasher  
NLJ Reporter

Newcastle's cherished Christmas Cantata will take a break this year, though the Community Cantata Choir Board has high hopes that the presentation will return again next year. The Cantata celebrates Christ's birth through song. It is a production for the community and by the community, as the Cantata is a volunteer production in its entirety.

The singers, organizers, director, accompanist, and board members all give their time to make the show happen each holiday season, but this year seems to be one of extenuating circumstances that are limiting many of the volunteers' availability.

"It was just strange this year, but every one of the board members, including myself, were having personal or professional issues where we just didn't have the time to function and get it all put together," explained Joyce Diedtrich, board member and former director.

The first Cantata took place in 2010 after the family of Harry Habeck made a bequest to the Lutheran Church choir because Habeck had loved music and

enjoyed participating in the church choir. The bequest was so generous that Diedtrich thought to ask the other choir members if the group could use the gift and give something back to the community. A Christmas Cantata had not been done for many years, so the church decided to bring back the tradition once set forth by then Choir Director, Erick Berdahl.

Diedtrich was the Lutheran Church's choir director for several years at that time, so she ordered music, coordinated advertising, and contacted every church in Newcastle to have people participate. She even talked to people outside of the immediate community because she wanted to invite all of Weston County to share in the production.

"We reached out to people from every walk of life in our county that enjoyed singing and wanted to be a part of it," explained Diedtrich.

The pioneer choir featured nearly 50 members. Some of the singers practiced weekly with the production's first accompanist, Lynda Russell, at the Methodist Church while Diedtrich held rehearsals at the Lutheran Church. Then, three weeks prior to the performance, the two choirs combined for practice at the Lutheran

Church, and the end result was a smashing success. Diedtrich distinctly remembers the first time the two choirs came together.

"There was such joy and such a feeling of perfect harmony, and with the joy of the presentation coming back at me, I was just overwhelmed with emotion," Diedtrich expressed with a true sense of wonder and gratitude for the talented volunteers involved.

Diedtrich added that the people who sang in the Cantata absolutely loved to do it, and the production really worked as an interlocking community event based on shared interest in music. She said there was a total sense of community with the volunteers across church's and surrounding towns, with some volunteers even traveling as far as 40 miles for rehearsals in the middle of December.

"It was an astonishing success. The high school gave us the auditorium for the performance, which is an absolutely beautiful venue for a performance," shared Diedtrich.

After that first successful year, Newcastle's recreation board approached members of the Cantata to offer funds

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### WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday  
AM Snow Showers  
Hi 36, Lo 30



Friday  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 47, Lo 33



Saturday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 57, Lo 28



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Partly Cloudy  
Hi 33, Lo 21



Monday  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 35, Lo 18



Tuesday  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 35, Lo 20

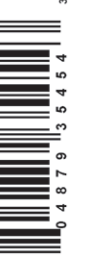


Wednesday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 39, Lo 24



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# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## A new reformation

Most of us were too busy to acknowledge the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on Tuesday because it was overshadowed—as it has been for generations—by our annual celebration of Halloween. But Martin Luther's challenge to the Pope's authority five centuries ago seems far too relevant a piece of history to forget in an era when so much dissatisfaction is being expressed over the direction our country is presently going.

When the A&E series "Biography" counted down the 100 most influential people of the past millennium in 1999, Luther was number three on their list because the revolution he began when he nailed his famed '95 Theses' to the door of the Wittenburg Chapel on October 31, 1517 reshaped the world's most influential religion, thus impacting people in every corner of the globe.

Luther didn't intend to start a revolution with his act of defiance, but he did want to start a discussion, and when the powers-that-be refused to acknowledge the merit in his arguments, the most successful populist movement in the history of Western Civilization was born.

For the most part, Luther argued that the Catholic Church of his era had moved too far away from the people—and too far away from the original 'idea' of Christianity espoused by Jesus Christ 1,500 years before—and people across the world responded to his message, especially when those in authority tried to stifle it.

That should sound familiar to Americans after so much excitement was generated by the populist candidates from both political parties (Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders) in the last presidential election, and there is one other similarity between our current state of affairs and the world in which Luther lived that is worth noting.

Luther's movement was able to achieve and build momentum because a new invention—the printing press—meant that his ideas could be shared with a wider audience than anybody had ever thought possible, in much the same way the internet is now allowing information to be distributed in ways never imagined before. Martin Luther tapped into a popular belief that leaders had lost touch with the ideals that were supposed to guide them and that the system no longer served the people it was created for. It is a cry we are hearing from both sides of the political spectrum in America today, and a lesson from history we should probably pay a little more attention to.

## Bringing history to life

Dear Editor, Although it is early in the school year, our community has already given much time and resources to ensure a deep and rich education for our fourth graders. It is because of that, that the Newcastle Elementary School fourth grade would like to take a moment to thank numerous individuals of our community that have made this school year a success for our students.

As many of you know, fourth grade focuses on Wyoming History, and the rich artifacts we have in our own backyard. This school year, several of our community members have come together to give our students an experience, or three, of a lifetime.

In September, Donley and Nancy Darnell, along with the Wright Ranch, allowed our fourth graders to witness the extraordinary sight of bones from triceratops. These triceratops are being dug from the very place where they died. Some of the amazing things we saw were multiple triceratops laying on top of one another.

We were given the chance to see the actual bones, as well as tendons and possible footprints, and meet archeologists and scientists from the Netherlands. Nancy was even on hand to pass out delicious treats! What an

amazing experience.

The Weston County Museum and Bobbie Jo Tysdal are always great to bring Wyoming History alive for all of our students through Living History Days. The countless people that go into making history available to our kids are much appreciated.

In October, our students were given a rare tour of the petroglyphs in WhoopUp Canyon. The amount of people it took to prepare that field trip

was incredible. We would like to thank Josh Liggett, LAK, Randy Farella, BLM, Jim Hutchinson, Alice Tratebus, Rachel Woita, Rick Miller, Stephanie Marchant, Jessica Rhodes, Ben Wilde and countless other BLM employees, as well as Mark Peterson and many additional WCSD#1 employees.

It really took a team of people that respect our history and the education of our children to make these field trips possible. The fourth grade would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone that helped in these field trips.

—Mrs. Giesler

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Liggett

And.... all the fourth graders



## Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

## Next natural disaster could start in Yellowstone

So far, 2017 has been an extraordinary year for natural disasters, with three hurricanes and awful wildfires.

What possibly could come next?

According to some folks, it could be the big blow—the eruption of the famous Yellowstone National Park Supervolcano.

Or perhaps just an earthquake?

But first, let's just ponder for a moment the extreme forces that have struck our country this year. Few folks can recall a time in America when gigantic hurricanes the size of Harvey, Irma and Maria slammed into Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

And those wildfires in California have been the deadliest in that state's history, with more than 40 people dead and 6,000 homes and buildings destroyed. Prior to those fires, deadly fires struck Montana and Canada in late summer.

So what gives? Do these events portend the beginning of the end of the world?

Well, probably not yet. But what is next? Well, heck, why not the Yellowstone National Park caldera causing havoc?

Mark Davis of the Powell Tribune wrote an excellent article recently about this possibility, which for him was a "local" story. If the park volcano acts up, Powell will pretty much become toast.

As well as Worland, Lander, Riverton, Rawlins, Rock Springs, Kemmerer and Evanston.

Davis wrote a news story quoting the world's foremost expert on the Yellowstone caldera, Dr. Bob Smith, of the University of Utah.

Davis wrote that Smith has worked in Yellowstone since 1956 and has been a professor of geophysics for 50 years.

"Global appreciation for Yellowstone didn't come about until 2005, when the BBC produced The Super Volcano. It brought the world's attention

to Yellowstone," Smith said.

Smith nonchalantly stated the facts of a Yellowstone super volcano eruption at a recent lecture: An eruption that could last for days, weeks or even years, five to 10 times more powerful than the 1990 Pinatubo eruption in the Philippines that killed 700—spewing enough material to fill the Grand Canyon twice and a volcanic winter, possibly for years, at temperatures of about 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

He reported: "A recent earthquake swarm—and the press from those on the sensationalizing end of the media—has worried many that the rumbling is a precursor to a volcanic eruption. Since June 12, more than 15,000 earthquakes have been documented. Most are weak, but are earthquakes nonetheless, Smith said.

"It's one of the biggest earthquake swarms we've ever had," he said. But Smith's concerns aren't of the dangers of a super volcano eruption. The chances of that happening are extremely small, he said. However, before the warm comfort of the statement could settle in, he warned of the real natural killer in the region.

"What's the biggest hazard in Yellowstone? Earthquakes. They're killers," Smith said.

On Aug. 17, 1959, a 7.5 magnitude earthquake rocked Hebgen Lake, Montana, killing 28 people. It was the last devastating earthquake to hit the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. By that time Smith was already into his third year of work in the nation's first national park.

"The question being asked by the rangers at Lake and Mammoth—'Are we going to have a big earthquake or volcanic eruption?'—led us to try to understand how swarms work," Smith said.

Smith theorizes that when the earthquakes stop, that is the time to start worrying.

Yes, Yellowstone is a super volcano, which has

erupted at least three times before. Once was 2.1 million years ago. The second one was 1.3 million years ago, and the last one was 645,000 years ago.

So what would be the signals that YNP might act up again?

For decades in the last century, geologists were mystified by the lack of a discernible volcano cone in Yellowstone as they tried to locate the caldera. Ultimately, satellite images helped them realize that almost the entire park is the cone. It is 50 miles long and 25 miles wide. Much of the vast Yellowstone Lake makes up this location.

Some experts point to a bulge that is more than 100 feet high at the bottom of Yellowstone Lake, near Mary Bay. The bulge is more than 2,100 feet long and has only formed in the last few years. One expert asked, "Is this a precursor to a hydrothermal explosive event?"

Yes, Yellowstone is one very, very large volcano. It would have a destructive force ten thousand times that of Mount St. Helens. It could truly be a world-defining event. And those of us who love Yellowstone and live about two hours from it, well, we might just become a memory.

Some of the features of the TV show five years ago that were interesting included quite a few scenes of a fictional Cheyenne, which it treated as a major national city. Amen to that.

The beginning and ending tagline of the BBC program was: "This is a true story. It just has not happened yet."

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Bill Sniffin  
My Wyoming

## Letters to the Editor

### Tax cuts for the rich can help the poor

Dear Editor,

The concentration of wealth in the U.S. is causing concern to many people. The present Forbes list of 400 cuts off at \$2 billion. It is not long ago that there was only one recognized billionaire in the country.

What has caused this growth?

One major stimulus has been that a person invents some gadget, the iPhone for example, and everybody has to have it. The cost may not be excessive, but with millions of sales the money adds up. Many of these inventions are not essential, but the public wants them and will forego necessities to have them. That has become easier with the welfare system, which will supply necessities.

(Our government operates at cross principles. They want people to have savings, but they also want the people to spend to keep the economy growing.)

The top 20 billionaires are probably in this group. Most of the rest come

from natural growth and consolidation of companies, and by buying and selling stock and companies

The wealth causes people to think the rich are not paying enough in taxes. A recent article by Walter Williams discusses this. The top one percent, or about 900,000, earning over \$500,000 a year are paying 39 percent of the total taxes. The top 10 percent, or about 9 million, earning over \$140,000 are paying about 70 percent of the total taxes.

The bottom 50 percent, who have earnings of \$40,000 or less, pay less than three percent of taxes. A total of 37 million, or 45 percent, pay no tax.

If we look at these figures, it becomes difficult to understand how any tax cuts can help the lower income people who pay no tax. Should the rich pay more taxes? There comes a point where people do not want to earn more when the government gets everything. At this point the poor begin to suffer because rich quit developing new jobs.

Tax cuts for the rich can help the poor because when the rich receive more money, they tend to invest in projects, which will create jobs.

—Don Thorson

### The rich need the poor to have money

Dear Editor,

It is a bafflement how some people can demean social welfare of whatever sort without first noticing the one percent at the top of the income scale. They get so many benefits from our economy and government, and pay in such a tiny percentage of their income, if any.

Any time the subject comes up at the coffee shop, a local curmudgeon raises a great wailing and moaning about that bum on unemployment playing video games!

What they take out of our communal pot pales to insignificance when compared to the exclusions from fiscal responsibility the one percent enjoy.

Most of the people on unemployment would much rather be working for a decent wage. Common sense tells us that people who were on unemployment but are now gainfully employed buy the things manufactured by the factories owned by the

one percent!

The very same logic applies to health care. A sick or otherwise disabled worker can't be much of a consumer until he gets well again. Since those at the top of the economic ladder rely on sales for their income, it is in their interest to keep the worker and family healthy.

It's hard to guess why they can't see that. This writer and some of my friends have their health serviced by the Black Hills VA. That's the military equivalent of some kind of national health care. I would not have it any other way. I'm sorry that our civilians can not avail themselves of this common sense solution to a vexing problem.

Our politicians seem to be stuck in the Stone Age when it comes to health care. The only beneficiaries of our current system are the insurance companies.

And of course, the politicians who keep them in business (and profits!) It is really to bad that our politicians work for the benefit of the insurance companies to our great disadvantage.

—Jerry Baird

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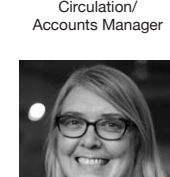
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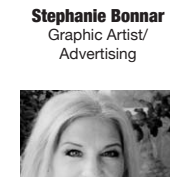
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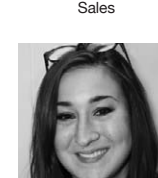
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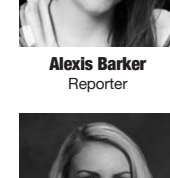
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## Local input



Senator Curt Meier (R, LaGrange) visits with constituent Carol Thurman prior to the start of last week's meeting of the Wyoming State Legislature's Joint Transportation, Highway and Military Affairs Committee in Newcastle. The committee, which Meier co-chairs, met at the Weston County Event Center on October 26-27 to consider a wide range of topics—from vehicle registration incentives and CDL licenses for 18-21 year olds to veterans' home skilled nursing care and veterans' tuition programs. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

## Hospital

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configuration allows for the employees to have some investment in their education. He said that the board will be in control of how much is in the budget and how much of those funds will go to each employee in the program.

The guidelines say that if two employees apply for the same position with tuition reimbursement that seniority, cost of the program, what is best for the facility and any disciplinary infractions will be considered.

"If the employee drops out, they owe 100 percent of the tuition. If they can't take the licensure (if required), they owe 100 percent of the tuition.

If they leave within six months, they owe 100 percent of the tuition," Peck said.

He noted that a layoff is considered beyond the employee's control and the employee would not be responsible. But if fired, the employee is responsible for 100 percent of the tuition. Peck explained that himself and Sindlinger developed a scale that reduces the amount owed to the facility based on the time spent as an employee.

"The longer they stay after that six-month mark, the less they owe to us. For every hour they work, it reduces the amount owed by \$1.20 or roughly \$2,500 a year," Peck said.

If a job is not open when the schooling is complete, the employee will have to stay employed at the hospital for two years before seeking other employment. The employee who stays the full two years can then leave without repaying the tuition reimbursement to the facility, according to Peck.

The board unanimously approved the policy, but did not provide a budget amount for the tuition. Board President Jimmy Long noted that once positions have been identified, further information can come before the board.

"I will look at budgets and potentially come back with contracts," CEO Cadwell said.

### Hospital Happenings

Notes from the Oct. 19 Weston County Health Services board of trustees meeting.

- The board approved a construction pay application for the remodel and expansion project totaling \$99,163.38 for Scull Construction. Hospital CEO Maureen Cadwell noted that this is still being paid out of the bond issuance and that there is \$128,000 left of that, which will cover a portion of the next bill.
- Trustee Travis Cochran voted against a motion, which was approved by the board, to split the health insurance costs 50-50 with employees. The increase to premiums was 12.7 percent, or an annual increase of \$95,000.

WCHS will absorb 50 percent of those costs or \$47,500, while the employees that purchase health insurance through the facility will absorb the other \$47,500.

• Cadwell reported that the requested contract was received from Rapid City Regional Hospital for the EPIC record-keeping system. WCHS Attorney Jim Peck and Cadwell are reviewing the 52-page document, which is not the official contract but represents the same verbiage that will be in the final document, Cadwell said.

## Hospital financials improve in September

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

After two months of rough financial numbers at Weston County Health Services, things are starting to look up, according to its chief financial officer. CFO Lynn Moller reported on Oct. 19 at the Weston County Health Services board of trustees meeting that the September numbers were rosier than those in both July and August.

In both July and August, the hospital included both negative cash flow and negative net income. Moller attributed the lack of cash flow to the low number of in-patient days at the facility.

"We were able to see some incremental improvements in September, and expect this to continue through October and beyond," Moller said.

Reports for July and August included low in-patient days, 188, for both months. Each in-

patient day represents a unit of time a patient spends in the facility. That number increased to 225 in September. Moller noted that the facility usually runs at between 225 and 280 in-patient days a month.

"The patient mix was much better than the previous months. The patient mix was 53 percent intermediate swing bed, 38 percent skilled swing bed and 9 percent in-patient," Moller said.

As a result of better in-patient day numbers for September, the facility recorded a positive net income of \$11,451 for the month. Moller noted that operations are still running on the negative side of the ledger for the fiscal year by \$55,844.

"The large change from last year resulted from the discovery of prior year expenses that had been expensed in the current year. Correction of these items improved the outcome for the first quarter of the year," Moller said.

Cash flow for the month

was also a positive \$494,775, but Moller attributed this to the movement of funds from a certificate of deposit to operating cash.

Accounts receivable for the facility increased during September, causing the days in accounts receivable to increase as well, Moller said.

Moller maintained that the facility continues to monitor the budget and expenses closely, and that he and CEO Maureen Cadwell meet with department managers regularly to discuss their individual budgets. Changes are also being made within the business office that will improve the facility's ability to collect revenues earned.

"We are working on implementing some changes in our revenue cycle processes based on the audit of our coding. This will take some time, as we want the process to go smoothly and not interfere with our cash flow," Moller said.

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**Obituaries**

**Mark Allen Greene**  
 Feb. 11, 1972-Oct. 13, 2017

Mark Allen Greene was born February 11, 1972 in San Antonio, Texas to Stephen Allen Greene and Jody Josserand. He died October 13, 2017 at his home in West Jordan, Utah.

In 1974 the family moved from Texas to Artesia, New Mexico, where Mark started school, then on to Newcastle in 1978, graduating in 1990. He attended Northwest College in Powell, WY for a year before serving a two year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Washington Tacoma Mission. A few years after returning home he moved to Illinois where he received both his bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Illinois.

When Mark was 11 years old he was diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease and received a kidney transplant at the age of 12. He simply stated "That transplant changed my life." He knew that another's loss was the reason he was granted a new beginning. He said it was extremely difficult to come to terms with that knowledge, but vowed to honor the young boy who lost his life by living his life to the fullest. That transplant served him well for 31 years, far beyond that average life span for a transplanted organ, but it failed in late 2015 and he chose to move to Utah at that point.

An Amazing thing about Mark was how optimistic he was. He had a lot of hardships in his life, but he never failed to keep moving forward and choosing to have hope. He also chose to focus on what was ahead and not what was behind. He didn't worry a lot about the little things and he really didn't worry a whole lot more about the big things either. He accepted the curveballs of life with grace. He will be greatly missed.

Mark is survived by his mother Jody of Newcastle, sister Lisa (Craig) Hoffman of Shawano, WI and numerous extended family members. He was preceded in death by his father Steve and brother Matthew.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 27 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle between his father and brother Matthew. The family suggested that memorial contributions be to the National Kidney Foundation.

**Lois Jean Harley**  
 December 6, 1949-October 25, 2017

Lois Jean Harley, 67, of Hot Springs, SD, was chosen by God, to live with Him in his Heavenly Home on October 25, 2017, at the Fall River Hospital in Hot Springs. After many years battling numerous ailments, she is finally at peace.

Lois was born December 6, 1949, in Hot Springs, to Donald Dean and Mabel (Byers) Darrow and raised in Custer, SD, with her brother, Roy D. Darrow. May 10, 1971, she married Danny G. Harley and they raised two sons.

Lois was a caring mother, grandmother, and loving companion to Danny, her husband of 46 years. One of her great loves was singing. She started singing in a church choir in Custer, attended All State Chorus in high school and sang in church choirs in every community in which she lived. Lois enjoyed camping with the family, baking, knitting, working search puzzles and counted cross-stitch. Many of her cross-stitch projects were framed and given to friends and family. Many of which are still displayed today. Shortly after joining St. John's Lutheran Church in Hot Springs, she was asked if she would be the "Sunshine Lady". She enjoyed doing this, as it entailed, sending out cards of greeting, get well, sympathy and thinking of you. It started with cards she bought and then she started creating her own. She did this out of love and had to quit when her hand writing couldn't be read.

Happy to have shared their lives with Lois are her husband, Danny of Hot Springs; son, Chad (Lisa) Harley; grandchildren, Alan, Jenna and Carsten; son, Daniel (Carrie) Harley; grandchildren, Austin and Kaylee; brothers, Roy (Becky) Darrow and Mark (Monica) Darrow; and stepmother, Corrine Darrow.

Preceding her in death were her mother, Mabel Sieger; father, Donald Darrow and stepson, Max Sieger.

Memorial services were held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 28, 2017, at St. John's Lutheran Church near Hot Springs.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home in Hot Springs.

**Tomas L. Rainbolt**  
 November 29, 1949-October 25, 2017

Tomas L. Rainbolt died peacefully on October 25, 2017 in Torrington, WY at the age of 67. Tom was surrounded by family in his final moments before being called home.

Tom was born on November 29, 1949 in Sturgis, SD to William and Florence Rainbolt. He graduated from Newcastle High School in 1967 and joined the United States Navy directly after. Tom served our country for several years and spent time in Vietnam. He married Connie Lindley, his high school sweetheart on August 10, 1969. After leaving the Navy, Tom held many professions over his adult life and spent the last years at a surveying company in Torrington, WY. Tom was very passionate about a multitude of things and always put all of himself into whatever he did. His children remember him as a hardworking man who would do most anything to help someone in need. His sense of humor and wit were unmatched.


Tom is survived by his wife, Connie Rainbolt (Lindley) of Torrington, WY, brothers Robert and Bill Rainbolt, daughter and son-in-law Angela and Mark Crabtree, son and daughter-in-law Tomas and Sarah Rainbolt, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by parents William and Florence Rainbolt, brother James Rainbolt, and great-granddaughter Lilah Adams.

In lieu of flowers or cards, please send donations to your local hospice service. Condolences can be sent to Tom's daughter, Angela, via email (rainbolt1024@gmail.com). The family would like to thank Prairie Haven Hospice of Scottsbluff, NE for their dedication to compassionate and effective care.


**Bert Sutherland**  
 June 6, 1966-October 29, 2017

Funeral service for Bert Sutherland age 51 will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Osage Elementary School in Osage, WY with Chad Sheehan officiating; interment to follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Upton, WY. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Walker Funeral Home 410 Medical Arts Court, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at www.walkerfuneralgillette.com

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<b>November 2</b> Psalm 65	<b>November 6</b> 1 Chronicles 14:1-17
<b>November 3</b> Psalm 66	<b>November 7</b> 1 Chronicles 15:1-24
<b>November 4</b> Psalm 67	<b>November 8</b> 1 Chronicles 15:25-16:7
<b>November 5</b> 1 Chronicles 13:1-14	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

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The Weston County Concert Association is inviting residents to their second concert of the 2017-2018 season. Virtuoso pianist Scott Kirby will present his program entitled, "Main Street Souvenirs" in Crouch Auditorium on November 6 at 7:00 p.m.

This program is a multi-media stage performance featuring live piano music, a spoken narrative, and a video presentation. This visual "projected" dimension of the program will accompany both the narrative and the music throughout, and will consist of Kirby's original artwork, his video footage, his photography, and archival photos.

The narrative, also written by Kirby, reflects a thematic progression, weaving different concepts about small town American life together with musical, visual and literary examples which illustrate these themes.

The music in the first half will span 150 years of Americana, including Scott Joplin, Stephen Foster and John Philip Sousa, and continuing up to the present. The second half will feature Kirby's original compositions, paintings, photography, literary excerpts and a narrative, all exploring historical and visionary dimensions of the American Great Plains and prairies.

Prior to the concert, Kirby will travel around Newcastle and the surrounding area. He will visit local businesses and talk with people from the area to learn about Newcastle. He will also take photographs of the area. Both the interviews and photography will be featured in the concert.

"If you haven't yet had a chance to purchase a season ticket, please feel free to stop by the ticket desk at the concert to purchase your membership. There are still plenty of opportunities to get your money's worth," organizer Ryan Whipple said.

## Recapture A PIECE OF HISTORY

### November 4, 1892

E.R. Marris & wife returned to Newcastle this week after a two months' vacation in the east.

Rev. D. Leppert will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church at 10:30, Sunday, November 13th.

Miss Josie Cusick, called our attention today to a new and extensive shipment of millinery goods just received from Chicago.

Nellie Dobson, three-year-old haughtier of Mr. & Mrs. Dobson died on October 29th, of diphtheria.

### November 1, 1917

Angello Pacetti of the Boyd vicinity was in this city on Sunday.

Carl Anderson was a business representative from Buckhorn yesterday.

Mr. & Mrs. T.H. Kaiser returned Wednesday evening after a two-week's stay in

Oregon.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kraft and Mrs. Schneider, of the Fiddler Creek county, were Newcastle visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Riddle demonstrator of the No-Vary food products, will arrive Monday forenoon and will be at the store of Washburn-Bettis Co.

Mark Mirick of Thornton attended the wedding of his cousin at Cambria Sunday.

John & Will Nefsy with a brother from California were visiting our oil fields last week.

### November 5, 1942

A full evening of hilarity is planned for this Friday evening, November 6, starting at 8 o'clock in the high school under the sponsorship of the upper classmen.

Public registration for gasoline rationing outside of the east was postponed last week

until November 12, 13, & 14th.

The deer & elk hunting season which opened, on Sunday, November 1, has proved disappointing to many sportsmen who have been unable to hunt due to weather conditions.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Trocillo after not hearing from their son, Mike, for two months received word on Sunday that he had been transferred safely overseas.

J.L. May & Mont Quest went on a hunting trip to the hills Saturday.

Mrs. Rosecrans had a load of cattle on the Scottsbluff market Saturday.

A class of home nursing under the supervision of Mrs. Georgia Douglas is to be conducted soon. The time will be on Friday afternoons at 2:00 in Osage.

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## WHAT'S UP

### November 2017

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thurs 02</b>	1:30 p.m. VFW Auxiliary Meeting 4:00 p.m. Champaign Evening 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out 7:00 p.m. Salt Creek Water District Meeting 7:00 p.m. WC Museum District Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Masons #13 Meeting	WC Senior Center Flowers & Things Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware District Office Anna Miller Museum WC Senior Center, Family Room Masonic Lodge
<b>Fri 03</b>	9:00 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Friday 7:00 p.m. Bingo 7:30 p.m. Steel Magnolias	WC Senior Center VFW Hall Fountain Inn Dining Room
<b>Sat 04</b>	10:00 a.m. Barn Quilt Class #2 7:30 p.m. Steel Magnolias	EWC Fountain Inn Dining Room
<b>Sat 04</b>	2:00 p.m. Steel Magnolias	Fountain Inn Dining Room
<b>Mon 06</b>	6:00 p.m. Newcastle Fall Guys Registration 6:30 p.m. WC Friends of Fair Meeting 7:00 p.m. Newcastle City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. WC Concert Association - Scott Kirby 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	Pinnacle Bank WC Fairgrounds Council Chambers Crouch Auditorium WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Tues 07</b>	9:00 a.m. WC Commissioners Meeting 12:00 p.m. Newcastle Chamber of Commerce Mtg. 7:00 p.m. WC Travel Commission Meeting	WC Annex WC Library KASL
<b>Wed 08</b>	1:00 p.m. Creative Handicraft Group 7:00 p.m. Mallo Camp Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. WC Schoold District #1 Board Meeting	WC Senior Center Public Health Building Administration Building
<b>Thurs 09</b>	5:30 p.m. City Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Masons #13 Meeting	Council Chambers WC Senior Center, Family Room Masonic Lodge
<b>Fri 10</b>	9:00 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Friday 4:00 p.m. Painting Class 7:00 p.m. Bingo 7:30 p.m. Steel Magnolias	WC Senior Center Antlers VFW Hall Fountain Inn Dining Room
<b>Sat 11</b>	9:00 a.m. Holiday Bazaar 6:00 p.m. Osage Volunteer Fireman's Banquet 7:30 p.m. Steel Magnolias	WC Fairgrounds Kitty Moats Complex Fountain Inn Dining Room

*Calendar Sponsored by Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce*

For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at [newcastlewy.com](http://newcastlewy.com)

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Nov. 2** Harold & Dana Tysdal  
**Nov. 4** NavaLee Francis  
 Easton Wammen  
**Nov. 5** Nicole McFarland  
 Martha Butts  
**Nov. 7** Bill & Lois Boulden  
 Les & Martha Butts  
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**Nov. 8** Jennifer Lipp  
 Mike Morrison  
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# Church invites kids to shop solo

By Bri Brasher  
 NLJ Reporter

The First United Methodist Church of Newcastle will continue its annual Christmas youth shopping event for youth on December 9 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The event is free, but donations are always appreciated. All of the local churches work together in aggregating and donating gifts for kids to shop for their mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather.

New and gently used items are displayed at the church so children can pick out a holiday gift for their family members. The event tailors to children ages two through fifth grade, and middle school students are asked to volunteer their time on the day of the event.

Volunteers help kids pick out a gift for their family members, and then another volunteer helps the kids wrap and label their selections. Meanwhile, parents are offered coffee and cookies upstairs in the church while their kids shop. Betty Petranek, Chairman of the Outreach Committee at the Methodist Church, said that the kids are often so excited that they have a hard time keeping the gifts to themselves.

"It's pretty hectic!" laughed Petranek. "The kids are excited to pick out their items, and I think they have a pretty good time."



NovaLee Francis shows off her present after shopping for loved ones at last year's youth Christmas event hosted by the Methodist Church. (Submitted Photo)

Petranek said the idea for the event came over five years ago when members of the church saw how much the younger children wanted to have gifts to surprise their loved ones on Christmas day. The church organized the shopping day by donation, so that kids can find a gift without having to ask their parents for money. In turn, parents are grateful that the church is able to provide the opportunity for the kids to be able to shop for their family members, and feel proud to

have picked something out on their own.

"Some people have the perception that it's just for the needy, and it's not. It's for anyone that wants to come pick something out for their family member without having to ask for money from a parent," emphasized Petranek.

While there are usually an abundance of women's items to choose from, Petranek says that the church is always looking to offer more men's items. The shopping day has

never been short on gifts, though the church needs to replenish the supply each year.

Ideas for donations include dishes, jewelry, winter clothing, candles, and decorations for women, as well as tools, mugs, grilling utensils, hats and outdoor gear for men.

People can donate directly at the Methodist Church during the secretary's hours from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or call Betty Petranek at (307) 746-9622 or (307) 941-1539 to arrange a time.

# The Methodist Church

## A Continued History

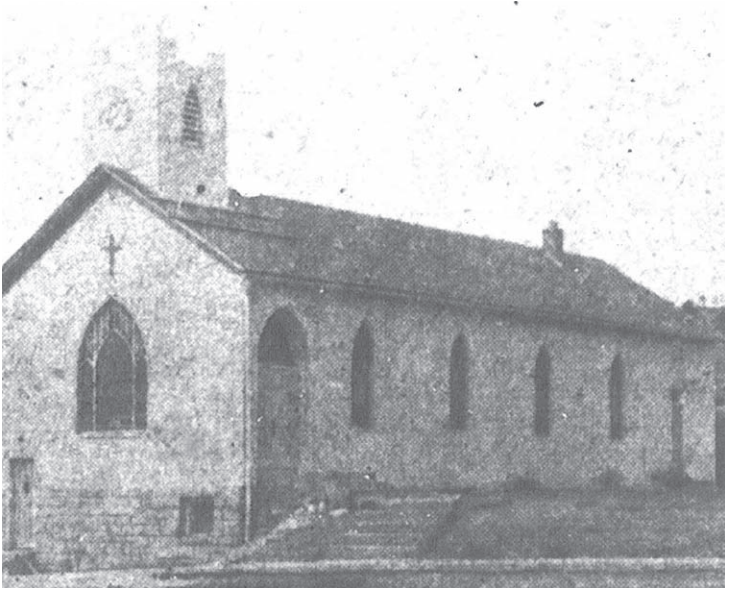
By Bri Brasher with  
 Leonard Cash  
 NLJ Reporter

The start of the Methodist Church in the Newcastle area dates back to the town's inception and its connection to Cambria. This week, Leonard Cash sat down with News Letter Journal to resume the retelling of the local church's detailed history, continuing on from 1905 to the mid 1940's.

After the departure of Reverend Fenton, services were conducted by a local lay man by the name of James Overman until May of 1905, when Reverend John Neill of Nebraska arrived on the scene. Cash's records add to Mabel

Brown's reports, as also around that time, the Junior Epworth League was organized at the Methodist Church, and the league started out with around forty members. In December of 1905, electric lights were added to the church, and the church was said to be a pleasant and well-lit building, according to an article in the News Letter Journal.

Reverend Neill stayed in his position until May of 1906 when he was replaced by Wallace B. Dunn of Buffalo, Wyoming. Also in 1906, the News Letter Journal reported that the Methodist Society purchased the Curran cottage adjoining the church for a parsonage. The selling of the



Featured above is a photo of Newcastle's Methodist Church in the 1930's. The church has been led by many different ministers over the years, as evidenced by Cash's and Brown's records. (Submitted Photo)

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**Senior Happenings**

WC Senior Services		WCSS Board Meeting		Chicktionary	
November 3	Rolls 9:00 a.m.	Osteo Exercise	9:00 a.m.	Senior Center	11:30 a.m.
November 4	Bridge Ladies 1:00 p.m.	Toe Nail Clinic	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
November 5	Helping Hands Quilting Day	Lions Club	Noon	Dice	6:15 p.m.
November 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends	Mondell Here For Lunch	Noon	November 9	Concentration 10:30 a.m.
November 7	Osteo Exercise 9:00 a.m.	Vicky Hayman Here		Manicures	2:00 p.m.
November 8	Dominoes 1:00 p.m.	Creative Handcrafts After Lunch		Resident's Choce	6:15 p.m.
November 9	Osteo Exercise 9:00 a.m.	November 16	Trip to the Lodge	November 10	Greedy 10:30 a.m.
November 10	Dominoes 1:00 p.m.	Hearing Aid Institute	9:00 a.m.	Vet's Day Program	1:30 p.m.
November 11	Osteo Exercise 9:00 a.m.	Dominoes	1:00 p.m.	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
November 12	Mondell Here For Lunch	Manor		November 11	Riddles 11:00 a.m.
November 13	Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	November 3	Greedy 10:30 a.m.	Movie	2:00 p.m.
November 14	Bridge 1:00 p.m.	Bingo	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
November 15	Card Class 4:00 p.m.	Movie	6:00 p.m.	November 12	Laughter Group 11:00 a.m.
November 16	November 9	November 4	Hangman 11:00 a.m.	Church	2:00 p.m.
November 17	Bridge Group	Happy Hour	3:00 p.m.	November 13	Wii 10:30 a.m.
November 18	Hearing Aid Institute	Bingo	6:00 p.m.	Cooking	3:00 p.m.
November 19	Dominoes 1:00 p.m.	November 5	Daylight Savings	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
November 20	Rolls 9:00 a.m.	Trivia	11:00 a.m.	November 14	Ceramics 10:30 a.m.
November 21	Blood Pressure Check 9:30 a.m.	Church	2:00 p.m.	Ceramics	2:00 p.m.
November 22	Bridge Ladies 1:00 p.m.	November 6	Wii 10:30 a.m.	Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
November 23	Osteo Exercise 9:00 a.m.	Wii	3:00 p.m.	Cards	6:15 p.m.
November 24	AARP 1:00 p.m.	November 7	Crazy Cart 3:00 p.m.	November 15	Catholic Study 10:00 a.m.
November 25	November 14	Ceramics	Bingo 6:00 p.m.	Crossword	10:30 a.m.
November 26	Veterans Breakfast 8:00 a.m.	Keepsake Krafters	10:30 a.m.	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
November 27	AARP Drivers Safety Class 9:00 a.m.	Cards	2:00 p.m.	Dice	6:15 p.m.
November 28	Dementia Support Group 10:30 a.m.	November 8	6:15 p.m.	November 16	Staycation 2:00 p.m.
November 29	Dominoes 1:00 p.m.	Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.	Al & The Gang Birthday Party	2:00 p.m.
November 30	November 15			Dominoes	6:15 p.m.

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Gaylen Stafford readies the 4-H BB gun trailer for the shooting event held last Saturday at the Pizza Barn (above). Ryan Fladstol gets some pointers from Bryan McVay with the Cambria Bowhunters during the archery shooting event held last Saturday at the Pizza Barn (left). Weston County 4-H held a BB gun shooting event last Saturday as part of the auction events at the Pizza Barn. Nick Lopez, Kara Fladstol Brown, Kami Lopez and Laila Lopez get ready for the action (below). (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

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cottage had to be approved by the district court, though the reasoning for the official approval is unknown.

Ironically enough, Cash said that Curran owned a bar in Newcastle before moving to Moorcroft, and his brother was a Presbyterian minister. Cash told a story regarding Minister Curran and the trouble he ran into when trying to build a church in Tubb Town. His lumber supposedly disappeared while he was away from the prospective church property, and the local people told him that the Wyoming air was too dry and his lumber evaporated. However, Cash says that Minister Curran did not give up, and he employed the help of Frank Mondell to eventually build his church in Tubb Town despite local resistance. According to Cash, the Curran brothers were not close—one being a bar owner and one a minister—so it must have been coincidence that the brother running a bar in Newcastle sold his cottage to the Methodist Church.

By the time Reverend W. B. Dunn served as minister of Newcastle's Methodist Church, the congregation had both a church building and a parsonage. Dunn was minister in Newcastle until September of 1907, according to Brown's records, and the News Letter Journal then reports that W. T. Dumm took over the church's services for the next two years, during which time Cash says he also built the Methodist Church in Upton. Dumm was minister of Newcastle, Cambria, and Upton's churches.

"Boy, that really stretched him out, didn't it?" Cash said in awe of Dumm's services to the area. "I can't imagine having to go to travel to Newcastle, Cambria, and Upton for services all the time."

Dumm was followed in service by Ernest F. Partridge, who served from September of 1909 until September of 1912. Reverend Partridge transferred to Buffalo in 1912, and

Reverend W. E. Caldwell took over the church. A "handsome, new organ was installed" in the church in January of 1914, according to the News Letter Journal. Cash speculates that the word "installed" was used because the organ was most likely built into the wall of the church.

Reverend Caldwell and his family left Newcastle and moved to Basin in September of 1914. That fall, Newcastle also proudly hosted the first Wyoming State Conference, as Wyoming separated as its own territory from the Colorado Conference. Reverend J. M. Glazier came to town shortly after the conference on October 8, 1914.

Over the next few years, the Methodist Church encountered high turnover in leadership. Glazier was only in town for about a year until C. O. Jennings served the church for around the same length of time. Cash's records from the News Letter Journal state that Jennings and his family arrived by automobile, and Cash says that the Jennings family was probably one of the first to make the trip by car. Jennings was reportedly raised in a ministry, as his father was a Methodist minister too.

The next minister, G. E. Pennell, ran the church from September 1916 until July of 1918. Reverend Herbert Webster then served the Methodist Church in Newcastle from the fall of 1918 to the spring of 1921. He was succeeded by J.H. Bounds, and Bounds too only served his position for about a year, according to Brown's reports. Brown then noted that a man by the name of S. E. Anspaugh took up charge of the church, though he only stayed for three months' time.

The Methodist Church finally secured some longevity in leadership when Lewis Weary came to town and served as the church pastor until 1927. E. R. Houch of Greybull took over for Weary

from 1927 to 1930 when he and his wife moved to Carpenter, and Wyoming. J. M. Johnson of Lander then ran the church for about a year, beginning in September of 1930.

Brown's reports indicate that Ralph Snyder arrived in Newcastle in August of 1931 where he remained in his ministry position for six years and nine months. During Snyder's term, he campaigned to build a new church in the fall of 1935, and Cash says the efforts must have been postponed because a new church was not built until the mid 1950's.

Snyder did, however, work to remodel and enlarge the church. Brown also noted that the number of youth and young married people increased during Snyder's ministry. While Snyder served Newcastle's church during tough times, Newcastle residents looked upon him kindly.

Newcastle's next minister was William L. Wade, who was one of the delegates to the first Wyoming Conference. Wade served from the summer of 1938 to the summer of 1943. A 1939 story in the News Letter Journal reported that plans were made to improve the grounds surrounding the Methodist church. The article said the church would invite men in the community interested in the appearance of the public buildings and church property to volunteer their time in completing the work. Cash has little other record of Wade's services, though he does have confirmation that Wade's term ended when he passed away in June of 1943.

Reverend John. R. Trimble arrived to officially replace Wade in September of 1943 after Bryan Clark, a lay man, had been filling the position for several months, according to Brown's record. The Methodist Church also celebrated its 50th birthday in February of 1943 with a dinner, historical program, and special services, according to an article in the News Letter Journal.

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| <b>Grade 12</b><br>Behnke, Nathaniel J<br>Corley, Wyatt J<br>Dawson, Trayton B<br>Douglas, Shaelee J<br>Ford, Taylor A<br>Hebbring, Murray E<br>Henkle, Sarah R<br>Hofner, Makayla R<br>Lacey, Bailey R<br>McCoy, Colton Patrick<br>Pearson, Emily L<br>Peterson, Aidan<br>Pillen, Tabitha G<br>Quigley, Cameron R<br>Rainbolt, Courtney D<br>Whitney, Lyle E | <b>Grade 10</b><br>Cass, Jayme M<br>Coy, Grace M<br>Davis, Shelby L<br>Dawson, Johnna G<br>Deveraux, Cooper J<br>Frye, Bradyn C<br>Hadlock, Christina S<br>Harris, Luke M<br>Humes, Emma R<br>Lacey, Lauren A<br>McLaughlin, Joseph K<br>Rhoades, Jacob D<br>Rose, Tara G<br>Sweet, Sara A<br>Tidyman, Dylon J<br>Tysdal, Davin E<br>Tystad, Peyton R<br>Vandersnick, Tessa M<br>Whitney, Markie J<br>Wolfe, Erick J | <b>Grade 9</b><br>Alarid, Caylee R<br>Anderson, Carolina J<br>Auch, Alexandria G<br>Beastrom, Claire E   |
| <b>Grade 11</b><br>Combe, Rowen F<br>Dollison, Holly R<br>Hopper, Sean R<br>Houser, Alyssa R<br>Liggett, Paige A<br>Logan, Talon S<br>Martin, Perry J<br>Ostenson, Cade M<br>Prell, Isaac C<br>Purviance, Peyton R<br>Sweet, Kaylee J   | <b>Grade 10</b><br>Voelker, Lexus A<br>Wagoner, Makenzie R<br>Watkins, Brenna A  | <b>Grade 12</b><br>Beastrom, Emily C<br>Checketts, Sierra K<br>Clyde, Tristin S<br>Corley, Kale A<br>Cox, James C<br>Crinklaw, Peyton E<br>Deyo, Paige K<br>Gunderson, Kaeli R<br>Harrington, Tyrell E<br>Henkle, Rebecca J<br>Hinshaw, Kayne M<br>Kenney, Dillon J<br>Koester, Lacie M<br>Lacey, Abbey A<br>Laurence, Alaina E<br>Liggett, Rya C<br>Moon, Halli N<br>Olson, Honesty K<br>Petersen, Alexander D<br>Purviance, Zachary T<br>Quigley, Carson R<br>Ramsey, Grayson W<br>Ramsey, Gunner M<br>Stevenson, Alaina J<br>Sweet, Morgan M<br>Voelker, Mercedes A<br>Wehri, Hailey Nicole |

*High School - B Honor Roll*

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| <b>Grade 12</b><br>Bock, Abygail E<br>Domina, Bailey R<br>Douglas, Jaden A<br>Gallardo, Xandra M<br>Schraeder, Katherine A<br>Schultz, Erika L<br>Sweet, Emalee E<br>Tidyman, Bryson A<br>Vandersnick, Shelby N<br>Walker, SheyAnne M | <b>Grade 10</b><br>Auch, Kylie A<br>Bennett, Kelsey L<br>Carter, Jaiden K<br>Cox, Owen A<br>Deveraux, Jake L<br>Dudzinski, Collin J<br>Dufour, Alissia N<br>Elliott, Jacob A<br>McFarland, Jory E<br>McGuire, Hailey J<br>Parks, Payton A<br>Rushton, Emily N<br>Stith, Shelby L<br>Testerman, Conagher D<br>Vaughn, Austyn B | <b>Grade 9</b><br>Bock, Carson R<br>Drost, Dylan J<br>Gorman, Kilian E<br>Haynes, Elizabeth R<br>Hopper, Alexcya R<br>Jenkins, Skylar T<br>Jones, Kacy R<br>Lopez, Lara R<br>Lorenzen, Rebecca M<br>McFarlin, Dayton A<br>Pehringer, Caitlyn N<br>Prell, Conrad L<br>Quinton, Adam Joseph<br>Santos, Christian S<br>Simmons, Samantha K<br>Wright, Jaidyn R |
| <b>Grade 11</b><br>Anderson, Arianna R<br>Brown, Maxwell L<br>Curren, Kaden D<br>Dixon, Betoney L<br>Holmes, Reid R<br>Jeppesen, Kassidee G<br>Johnson, Bryson D<br>Lacey, Jake T<br>Lewis, Michelle L                                | <b>Grade 11</b><br>McClung, Kaylee G<br>Pisciotti, Kolby J<br>Sharpes, Abrienne V<br>Stevenson, Lauren M<br>Wilkes, Brady E   | <b>Grade 12</b><br>Wainscott, Gunnar F<br>Williams, Cameron L   |

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| <b>Grade 8</b><br>Anderson, Ezra M<br>Jarrell, Avery K<br>Rasmussen, Derrick L<br>Roberson, Slade L<br>Schantle, Nickalena R<br>Scribner, Travis J   | <b>Grade 7</b><br>Baeza, Anasofia<br>Cass, Allyson L<br>Checketts, Oakley B<br>Clyde, Taylor L<br>Conzelman, MacKenzie K<br>DeTienne, Tiernan E<br>Henkle, Heath A<br>Hossfeld, Caleb M   | <b>Grade 6</b><br>Bates, Madison N<br>Cole, Noelani A  |
| <b>Grade 8</b><br>Jerry, Lidia J<br>McConkey, Holden I<br>McFarland, Hunter E<br>McVay, Gabrielle S<br>Morris, Alyssa R<br>Ostenson, Jaylen D<br>Petersen, Mia E<br>Prell, Jacob R<br>Rose, Kathleen E<br>Rushton, Elizabeth C<br>Tavegie, Tell B<br>Tupa, Storee H<br>Tystad, Hogan E | <b>Grade 7</b><br>Covey, Iisah A<br>Dudzinski, Wyatt R<br>Elliott, Abigail Christen<br>Engle, Taten W<br>Holguin, Danyela C<br>Martell, Brook L<br>McFarlin, Dylan A<br>Miller, Kyah L<br>Perino, Quint M<br>Sellers, Joshua Reagan<br>Tidyman, Shelby M<br>VanGundy, Kalan E<br>White, Chloe M | <b>Grade 6</b><br>Cobb, Chad M<br>Cole, Wyatt P<br>Crinklaw, Taylor L<br>Cummings, Skyler D<br>Dixon, Angela M<br>Downing, Katelyn M<br>Drake, Camilla J<br>Garcia, Andrea T<br>Gorman, Quinn J<br>Harrington, Jayde N<br>Hatheway, Teegan M<br>Haugen, Gillianne P<br>Huber, Caleb Stephen<br>Huey, Steven P<br>Leighton, Madison M<br>Merchen, Kendra A<br>Orsborn, Zachary K<br>Pehringer, Victoria R<br>Rose, McKenzie S<br>Schantle, Aaron K<br>Simmons, Peyton D<br>Slycord, Aubriana B<br>Tobar, Zoey D |

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| <b>Grade 8</b><br>Benshoof, Bailey M<br>Chick, Aidan Elijah<br>Chick, Avery Jasper<br>Clark-Brownlow, McKenzie L<br>Day, Gavin A<br>Drake, Mathew J<br>Gorman, Aidan M<br>Haugen, Emma R.<br>Hiser, Callie A<br>Holmes, Cael D<br>Humes, Robert M<br>Jingleski, Nicholas S<br>Larson, Cadence A<br>Lewis, Rilee S<br>Lipp, LaKacee Lynn<br>McVay, Olivia A<br>Mefford-Owens, Keyan S<br>Messmer, Kahlyn J<br>Mills, Autumn M<br>Orsborn, Zade T<br>Perez, Angelyse L<br>Rohde, Shyanne R<br>Spencer, Isabella R | <b>Grade 7</b><br>Troftgruben, Tristan M<br>Vik, Jonah A<br>Weeg, Nicole R<br>Womack, Joshua S | <b>Grade 6</b><br>Cobb, Chad M<br>Cole, Wyatt P<br>Crinklaw, Taylor L<br>Cummings, Skyler D<br>Dixon, Angela M<br>Downing, Katelyn M<br>Drake, Camilla J<br>Garcia, Andrea T<br>Gorman, Quinn J<br>Harrington, Jayde N<br>Hatheway, Teegan M<br>Haugen, Gillianne P<br>Huber, Caleb Stephen<br>Huey, Steven P<br>Leighton, Madison M<br>Merchen, Kendra A<br>Orsborn, Zachary K<br>Pehringer, Victoria R<br>Rose, McKenzie S<br>Schantle, Aaron K<br>Simmons, Peyton D<br>Slycord, Aubriana B<br>Tobar, Zoey D |
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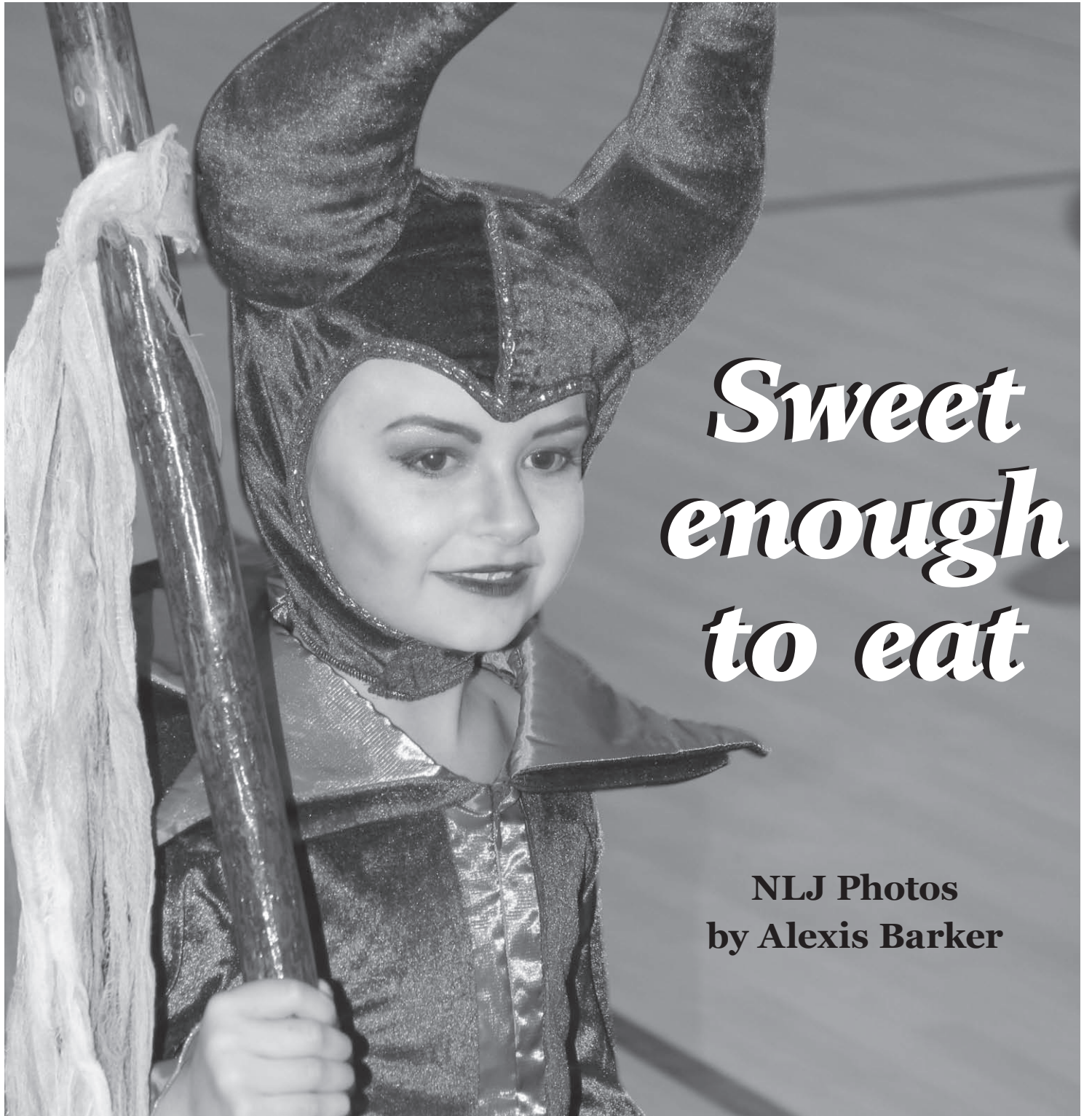


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Newcastle kids didn't suffer from Halloween falling on a weeknight this year. In fact, they were able to stretch the holiday out for an extra day by taking advantage of some different activities that were offered at the school on Monday and Tuesday alike! Clockwise from above: Maleficent (Joslyn Pischke) flashes a chilling smile as she parades through the gym at the elementary school during Tuesday's Halloween parade; Isaiah Olson paints a Spiderman canvas during the Double AAces' parent night on October 30; Kaden Hall tries to keep ahold of his pumpkin beach ball at the Pumpkin Splash Swim Party and Carnival at the Kozisek Aquatic Center on Monday evening while two others boys try to wrestle it away; Angie Phillips and her son, Bentley, paint their own Halloween canvas at the Double AAces' parent night; Moana (Hana Alexander) sails through Tuesday's Halloween Parade to demonstrate how she sails across the waves in the new Disney classic.







The annual Community Christmas Cantata has never had trouble attracting enough quality voices to the choir, and organizers hope they will return to the stage en masse to re-ignite the holiday tradition in 2018. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

### Cantata from page 1.....

if the volunteers formed a board and made a presentation on what they needed for the annual production. Diedrich explained that the recreation board helped to fund the Cantata when donations couldn't quite cover all expenses.

Organizers of the Cantata have never charged people to attend the event, though donations were accepted at the door. Diedrich said that guest's willingness to donate has been strong and constant over the years, and attendance has been anywhere from 150 to 350 people since the event started up again.

Diedrich retired as director two years ago, and Delores Sylte took charge. Kristin Wilkes now serves as the accompanist, and Diedrich

emphasized that the two make quite a successful duo.

"Delores is a wonderful director and so fun, and Kristin is an absolutely wonderful pianist and accompanist," she said.

Diedrich stressed that the board— which includes herself, Renee Miller, Ann McColley, and Lynda Russell—are looking forward to next year's production. Planning for the Christmas Cantata begins at the end of August when music is ordered, so the directors and accompanists can start learning that year's holiday tunes, and then practice begins in early October. The board is always looking for more volunteers to participate in the Cantata.

### Cost of Living from page 1.....

medical (97), and recreation & personal care (101).

Teton County ranked as the most expensive, with an overall index number of 154, followed by Sublette County with 108, and Laramie County with 102. The lowest Comparative Cost of Living Index number was in Niobrara County, with an overall index number of 88.

Wyoming's second quarter economic analysis also included average rental rates per county. The WCLI indicated that Weston County is well below the state average across the board. In terms of apartment rentals, the cost has dropped from \$591 a month to \$583 a month in the last year, and the statewide average decreased from \$723 a month to \$712. The same trend is true

for houses, down to \$625 a month compared to last year's \$708 in Weston County, though the state average only changed from \$1,025 to \$1,020.

In regards to mobile homes, a single wide including water rents here for \$159 a month with not much change from last year's county report, though the statewide average increased from \$324 to \$339. For a two or three-bedroom mobile home including lot rent, rates decreased per month from \$563 last year to \$523 this year. The state average too went down from \$722 to \$711.

Along with statewide cost of living and inflation statistics provided by the Economic Analysis Division, the Research and Planning section of the Wyoming

Department of Workforce Services also released updated numbers regarding the state's unemployment rates. Weston County's unemployment rate only slightly increased from 3.3 percent in August of 2017 to 3.4 percent in September, which is down significantly from last year's September report, which had the county at 4.6 percent unemployment.

The report showed that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate stayed consistent from August to September 2017 at 4.0 while the national average sits at 4.2 percent. The national average has seen a consistent decrease from September 2016, when the US. Seasonally Adjusted rate was 4.9, and in August 2017, when the rate was 4.4.

### Cemetery from page 1.....

given to City Attorney Jim Peck.

The council has made some changes from the original draft, including a few deletions, the addition of a few rules, and the addition of specific fees. The updated ordinance, as revised by the council, allows the city to limit the height of headstones, footstones or monuments, while the old ordinance limits the height to 28 inches.

The updated ordinance says that the city may move decorations on graves as needed to reasonably manage the operation, maintenance and appearance of the cemetery and that dogs must be on a leash at all times and their waste removed from the property.

Another change in the ordinance is that it also includes size limitations of 20 inches by 20 inches by 24 inches for receptacles housing remains. Previously, the size was not limited.

Additions also allow for the city to use its discretion to move monuments as necessary to prepare a grave, as well as a fee of \$250 for all monument companies that don't obtain the proper permitting before setting any stone, marker or monument.

James said that the council has not yet made any action moving forward on the ordinance. The draft will be considered for approval at a later date.

#### Cemetery Maintenance

The city of Newcastle maintains the Greenwood Cemetery by mowing, watering, trimming and providing grave services.

"Although the cemetery is not funded as a perpetual care, meaning people do not pay special taxes for maintaining it, the city treats

it as such," Clerk-Treasurer Greg James said.

He noted that the city makes an effort to maintain the cemetery in a neat and orderly manner and uses Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp forestry crews to help, especially leading up to Memorial Day.



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Brecklee Loeb and Nathan Smith as Farmer Francie and Farmer Fred let the smallest pumpkin Lily Cole know she needs to grow some more in Mr. Gray's first grade pumpkin play. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

## First-grade thespians present pumpkin play

Alexis Barker  
 NLJ Reporter

For over 20 years, first-grade students at Newcastle Elementary School have presented the play "The Littlest Pumpkin" for family and friends. The experience provides a confidence boost while improving the children's speaking and listening skills, said Denise Ehlers, one of the school's first-grade teachers.

This year's first graders performed the play on Oct. 20 in their classrooms for parents and friends. They share the story of different characters deciding which pumpkins to take home for the season, leaving the lit-

tlest pumpkin in the patch to grow for one more year.

Teacher Susie LaCroix said she first saw the play while she was a student teacher. Because she loved the play and thought it would be a fun addition to the fall season, she brought it to the Newcastle school.

"It really helps improve their speaking skills and their listening skills. It also boosts their self-esteem," LaCroix said.

First-grade teacher Nick Gray added that the plan also meets the school's parent-involvement-in-the-classroom requirement. He noted that it also provides a good opportunity for the students to practice

responsibility and improve their memory.

"It gives the kids a chance to play and interact with each other, while learning lines and performing for their friends and family. It really helps improve their language and helps them reach the set standards," said Ehlers.

Bird Cage Junior facilitator Shane Sellers said that children who are involved in theater are likely to perform better in school and live fuller lives.

"Arts in the elementary school is just the natural thing to do. Children are naturally creative, and it is natural to embrace that," Principal Brandy Holmes said.

**School Shorts**  
*Notes from the Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees meeting.*

- Transportation Director Mark Peterson reported that the Transportation Department is getting ready to kick off the Stuff the Bus Food Drive. This year's drive will run for two weeks, instead of one, to hopefully increase the amount of donations made to the local BREAD Office.
- Technology Director Dave Ehlers reported the state of Wyoming has issued 24 potential policies involving technology. Ehlers is reviewing the policies to determine which of the 24 should be officially adopted by the district.
- School districts throughout Wyoming have the option to utilize Canvas, a learning management system, at a reduced rate, according to Sonya Tysdal, curriculum director. She said that the system allows one password and username to access all digital learning tools, instead of different platforms. The program, launched in 2011 by Instructure of Salt Lake City, is set up for grades K-20, and the University of Wyoming already uses the system. Tysdal, Superintendent Brad LaCroix and Ehlers said that the district has the option to use Canvas, but that there are several questions that need to be answered about the program.
- LaCroix said that while he has not received the official report from the AdvancED visit, he did have some notes about the visit he could share with the board. AdvancED is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that accredits primary and secondary schools. According to LaCroix, the AdvancED team appreciated the hospitality, liked the engagement of the student body and noted that the students are respectful. The team also thought the staff and student integration was good overall, and they liked that the district teamed with the city for community recreation. He noted that they hinted that an evaluation process for standards was needed, and asked how the district could really know whether the standards work.

## Young musicians will honor vets

The music departments at Newcastle High School and Middle School have announced the annual Veterans Day program will take place Thursday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m. in Crouch Auditorium.

"Please note the day and time, as it is different than previous years," NHS Choir Director Janelle Ellis told the News Letter Journal.

Starting off the program will be the trademark sounds of the Troubadours, a high school ensemble that will perform the National Anthem, and throughout the program the choirs and bands from Newcastle Middle and High Schools will be on stage to honor all veterans as well

as their friends and families with several well known musical selections.

The choirs are directed by Ellis and the bands are directed by Ryan Whipple. The special guest speaker this year will be Christopher G. Roness, Lt Col USAF AFGSC 582 OSS/CC. He is a graduate of Newcastle High School and member of the NHS Hall of Fame. His appearance is being arranged by NMS social studies teacher Robert Munger.

"We invite the entire community to this special event, especially all veterans and their families," Ellis said, reminding people again to note the day and time change for this year.

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# Sports

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### Schedule

**Volleyball**  
12/2-4 3A State Championships @ Casper

**Football**  
11/2 V 2nd Round Playoffs

**Girls Swimming**  
11/2-3 3A State Championships @ Gillette

**Middle School Wrestling**  
11/4 Wolf City Invite A 9 AM  
11/9 Wright Invitational A 3:30PM

**Middle School Girls Basketball**  
11/2 Sundance Bulldogs A 4 PM  
11/3 Lusk Tigers H 4 PM

### Saving the best for last

The gym is quiet, the football field is empty, and now we wait until the winter seasons get underway. Though



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

it's always a little disappointing when sports' seasons end, boy what a send off the 2017 teams gave to the fans.

The regional tournaments for volleyball, as well as the first round of playoffs for football, took place around the state and fans were treated to some of the best sports' action of the season.

Newcastle was the location for the 3A East Regional Tournament on Friday and Saturday, and though the matches weren't well attended for the most part, those who were in the stands were treated to some pretty spectacular action. The stakes at Regionals are much higher, and you could tell that every squad who competed was well aware of what was on the line—living to play another day, or the end of their season.

Overall, the matches were fast and furious with all but one finishing three and zero. Though at first glance, those kinds of results might indicate lopsided competitions, that couldn't be farther from the truth. Granted, there were some sets where one team clearly dominated the other, but for the most part every team who took the court battled for every point.

If anyone ever doubted that volleyball is a sport that requires physicality, flexibility and cat-like reflexes, watching the athletes that took the court this weekend surely must have changed their minds.

I've been around the game a long time, and as I watched teams battle it out, there were so many moments when I knew beyond a doubt that the ball was going to hit the floor, but all of a sudden there was a girl underneath it, keeping it in play.

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Upton's Riley Coburn swam her last race at the Kozisek Aquatic Center last week. She failed to qualify for state in the 200 IM but added depth to a young Dogie team in her first year with the program. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

## Last chance for the Big Dance

By Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The State Swim Meet is only a day away, and last Thursday the Lady Dogies hosted the Last Chance Qualifier with hopes to get a couple more athletes under the mark in their individual events.

The ladies gave it everything they had, but while there were personal bests put up, the hopefuls ended up just short of qualification.

Senior Emily Pearson, in her first year of competition since middle school, went into the 100 Free with a PR time 1:07.05 set the previous weekend at the

Conference Meet. She needed to swim a 1:04.25 in order to punch her ticket to the Big Dance.

As she touched the wall in first place, she turned to look at her time only to find she was a mere .08 of a second off the mark. In less than a week, Pearson had shaved an aston-

ishing 2.62 seconds off her best time in this relatively short race, which Coach Doug Scribner noted was impressive.

"I think it's really cool for her, even though she was just short and was disappointed," he began. "She swam as a kid, and then came out again for one year, and worked and dropped a

lot of time over the course of the season, so that is a really good reason for her to be proud."

Madi Townsend was the other Lady Dogie hopeful competing to advance to State. Like Pearson, the 100 Free was one event where she was close,

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## Ending on a good note

By Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogie Dome was hopping last Friday and Saturday as Newcastle hosted the 3A East Regional Tournament. The Lady Dogies were hoping a little home court advantage would help them out, as they were locked into what was arguably the toughest side of the bracket, but luck was not enough to get them by some tough competition— all of whom ended up among the tournament's final four.

Though their season ended in the loser-out game on Saturday morning, the Lady Dogies have nothing to hang their heads about, as they played perhaps the best match of their season in that final contest.

"It was a great way to end a season that was a bit of a struggle," co-head coach Candi Stanton nodded. "They played hard, they left it all out there, and I never questioned that anyone was giving any less than they had at any moment. You can't ask for more than that, and I thought they did it with class."

The Lady Dogies opened up the tournament with the 9:00 a.m. contest

against the Rawlins Lady Outlaws on Friday morning. The Outlaws were the number one seed from the west side of the conference, and also happened to be the number one ranked team in 3A across the state.

"That's always a tough place to be, and we'd seen them just the week before so we knew exactly what we were up against," Stanton stated. "We always hoped we could be the upset team, but we also knew what it would look like to play our side of the bracket out. We had that reality check, and we were aware of the challenge."

According to Stanton, she and her squad had a goal to go into the tournament and play the best game they could against Rawlins in order to set themselves up mentally and emotionally for the rest of the weekend. Unfortunately errors, coupled with difficulty on the serving line, hindered the team's success in their three set loss.

"They played really hard, but there were just some pieces we couldn't control. I think they were disappointed with some of the unforced errors, but were overall pretty proud of themselves," Stanton stated. "We scored 9, then 11, then 15 points so you could see



Lauren Lacey gets low to dig up a hard driven spike by the Lady Outlaws in the 3A East Regional Tournament opener last Friday. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

them getting stronger in each set, and the scores don't really reflect that they played some pretty great ball in that match. We had some good volleys. We got better, more confident, and more at peace as the match wore on."

The loss meant that the Lady Dogies were in a do-or-die situation heading into the loser-out game at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning against the Worland

Lady Warriors. Once again, Newcastle was aware that their opponent would undoubtedly prove to be tough, and entered into the contest determined to give it their all. Despite another three-set loss, those in attendance would be hard pressed to deny that they did just that.

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# The best laid plans

By **Sonja Karp**  
 NLJ Sports Reporter

The Newcastle Dogies went into the first round playoff game in Big Piney down a couple of starters, but with a plan in place to cover those positions. Unfortunately, the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry, and that's exactly what happened last Friday when the Dogies ended their season much sooner than hoped in a 14-42 loss to the Punchers.

"There was just so much adversity that hit us in that game," head coach Matt Conzelman sighed. "We were down players, we had guys who weren't 100 percent, and then we lost Cam [Quigley]. It's like taking parts off of a machine—it's just doesn't run as efficiently."

Missing from the start of the game were extra point and field goal kicker Isaiah Covey and lineman Conagher Testerman. In addition, linemen Bryson Johnson, Dayton Williams and Sawyer Roberson were fighting injuries, so were not able to play full speed.

But perhaps the biggest blow came when quarterback Cam Quigley suffered a knee injury about midway through the second quarter that took him out of the game. With Quigley sidelined, running back Lyle Whitney transitioned to QB.

"Taking Cam out, and then moving Lyle away from running back, is really like losing two of our biggest weapons," Conzelman admitted. "That really makes it tough, because we were playing against the best of the best without several of the guys who got us there."

That the offensive efficiency of the Dogies was impacted with Quigley out of the contest was clear when one looks at the way the game played out.

The Dogies struck first and pretty quickly at the beginning of the game. Quigley put together a huge run to get his team in a position to score then went on to connect on a pass to Dylan Tidyman for the touchdown. Brady Wilkes – who stepped up to fill Covey's vacancy – made his debut as kicker for the extra point, and rose to the challenge in this high stakes game by nailing his first attempt.

"It was everything that we wanted right there," Conzelman nodded. "We were able to move on them and get points on the board, so that was right where we wanted to be."

The Punchers answered back right away on a play that could very well have proven disastrous for them, as Kyle Haslam narrowly missed an interception. Big Piney was able to grab the ball and run it in to even the score, however, and a shot at some early momentum was ripped from the Dogies' grasp as well.

The first quarter came to a close with the game tied at seven, but the Punchers put another one in during the second frame to go head 14-7. The Dogies were in the midst of putting together a pretty efficient drive to answer that score when Quigley went down, and Newcastle's momentum was halted again.

"We got the ball down to around the 50, and things were really clicking," Conzelman stated. "But after Cam came out of the game, we just couldn't get anything going offensively."

As the second quarter came to a close, Big Piney had extended their lead to 21-7, and the hits kept coming as play resumed in the second half.

Defensively, the Dogies were still working hard and it was effort on that end of the game that allowed Newcastle to put 14 points on the board.

Tidyman, who picked up the first TD of the contest, also gave his team their last during the third frame on a pick-six which Wilkes followed with another good PAT. After that, it was all Punchers however, as they cruised to the 42-14 win.

"You know, the guys who had to step into different roles on the fly just didn't have the reps they needed to be as efficient as they could have," Conzelman explained. "They played hard, but it was just a bad situation for them."

Though disappointed with the way the season ended, Conzelman was quick to point out that when reflecting on the year, he couldn't be more proud of his guys.

"Overall, it was just a fun year with a good group of kids who gave us a lot of exciting opportunities throughout the course of the season," he nodded. "I know this isn't where they wanted to finish up, but I thought they fought hard in every game. They are very coachable kids, and just a fun group to be around."

With the 2017 season in the books, Conzelman is already looking toward next year. The squad will lose three pretty key players in Quigley, Whitney and Wyatt Corley, but the coach likes what he sees coming up.


"These seniors showed us the path of how we need to work, and we need more people like those three that need to put in the time," he began. "But I think future Dogie football looks very promising. We have a lot of kids coming up, and about 10 more incoming freshmen, so that'll put us where we need to be numbers-wise. There will be some pretty big shoes to fill in the backfield and on the line, but we'll have a majority of the line back so that's promising."



**Dogies @ Big Piney 10/27/17: 14-42 : 1st Round Playoffs : 150 yards rushing, 84 yards passing**

Cam Quigley: 1 TD pass, 7 carries for 64 yards, 4-10 pass completions for 84 yards, 2 punts for 75 yards, 2 tackles	Dylon Tidyman: 2 TDs, 2 receptions for 38 yards, 0-1 pass completions, 4 kickoff returns for 88 yards, 1 interception, 4 tackles	Wyatt Corley: 8.5 tackles	tackles
Lyle Whitney: 21 carries for 86 yards, 1 reception for 40 yards, 0-12 pass completions, 12 tackles	Jake Deveraux: 1 punt block, 9 tackles	Isiah Covey: 2-2 PATs	Christon Santos: 4 carries for 8 yards, 1 kick return for 16 yards, 4 tackles
	Sawyer Roberson: 6.5 tackles	Brady Wilkes: 3 kickoffs for 127 yards	4 tackles
		Kyle Haslam: 1 tackle	Payton Tystad: 1 reception for 6 yards, 1 tackle
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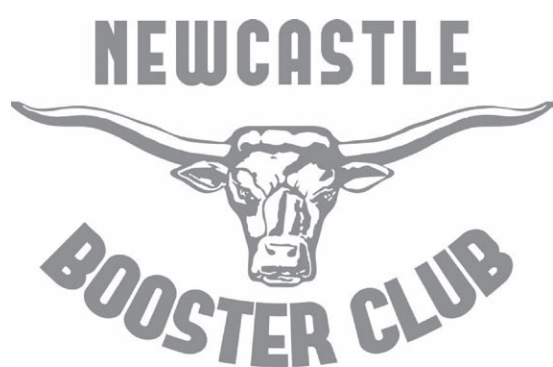
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was not one of those girls who were on the receiving end of one of their spikes.

Perhaps my favorite moment came in the Buffalo/Worland game when one of the Lady Bison— chasing after a shanked ball— kicked it over the net from out of bounds, with her back to the net. This is a perfectly legal move, but one you don't see very often on the volleyball court. It was certainly a crowd pleaser, and I'm quite sure that player is also very adept on the soccer pitch.

There were upsets and surprises as well. Probably the biggest of these happened in that same Buffalo/Worland loser-out match on Saturday. During the regular season, the Lady Bison bested their quadrant opponent in every matchup and came into the tournament seeded higher. However, it was evident

from the start that the Lady Warriors had come to play on Saturday. They stunned their foe from the east side of the mountain with their energy, their aggressive offensive attack and their defensive scrappiness as they swept the pivotal match 3-0.

The other surprise was the championship matchup between the Lady Cats of Douglas and the Rawlins Lady Outlaws. Rawlins had come into the tournament undefeated in the conference, and when the two teams met earlier in the season had taken the win 3-0.

This match was one that I was really looking forward to, as these two squads had been ranked one and two in the state pretty much all season. I knew it would be a battle, and it was indeed a good match, but just like the Worland/ Buffalo game earlier in the

day, Douglas dominated the Carbon County powerhouse with their fire power and defensive play. It left Rawlins reeling, and you could see that none of the Outlaws really knew what was happening or how to handle it.

Another really bright spot of the tournament was that on Saturday morning, our Lady Dogies played the best I've seen them play all year. They didn't go down without a fight, and ended the season with their heads held high. That was awesome to see.

On the West side, there looked to be some hard fought contests as well, and the Cody Lady Broncs – who were ranked fifth in the state and were the number one seed from the Northwest – didn't make it out of Regionals. It is shaping up to be a pretty good State Tournament next weekend.

# Ways to cook a Thanksgiving Turkey

As the holidays approach, some are wondering how to cook the perfect Thanksgiving turkey. There are many ways to cook a turkey; it depends on your preference. I will share some turkey cooking trends as well as some important facts and precautions.

First, decide on either a fresh or a frozen turkey. You will need about 1 pound of turkey per guest or more if you want leftovers. Turkeys at 18 pounds and over take longer to cook and tend to dry out in the oven. Consider buying two smaller birds, or a whole turkey and one or two breasts.

However, a frozen turkey must be thawed in one of three ways. It should never be defrosted on the counter! This can lead to the growth of pathogens that causes foodborne illness.

1. In the refrigerator, which takes about 24 hours per five pounds. This translates to four days for a 20-pound turkey. Place the turkey in its original wrapper in a pan to catch any juices that may leak.

2. In a cold-water bath, which takes about 30 minutes per pound. Submerge the wrapped turkey with the breast-side down in cold tap water. Change the water every 30 minutes until the turkey is thawed. This converts to 10 hours and 20 water changes for a 20-pound bird. Cook the turkey immediately after it is thawed.

3. In the microwave, following the manufacturer's instructions, and immediately continuing cooking which your chosen method.

The most crucial decision is how to cook your turkey. There is the traditional roasting method, but some additional methods have become popular. These include smoking, grilling, and deep-frying. It is not recommended to grill, smoke, or fry a frozen turkey. In addition, brines and marinades can help to improve flavor, tenderness, and texture of the poultry.

Brining is a pretreatment in which the whole turkey is placed in a salt and water solution known as brine. This pretreatment produces a moist and well-seasoned bird. Brining should be done in the refrigerator

at 40°F or below. When brining, buy a turkey that has not been pre-seasoned or basted, because it will be too salty. Kosher salt is recommended for brining since table salt contains additives such as anti-caking ingredients and iodine. When done properly, the turkey should not taste salty.

Marinating is a soaking technique, which enhances the flavor and tenderness of meat. Since commercial turkeys are young and tender, the mission of a marinade is to spread flavor throughout the bird. Always refrigerate the turkey during the marinating process. Never reuse marinade used on raw meat or poultry unless it is boiled to destroy any harmful bacteria. If you plan to use some of the marinade as sauce for the cooked meat, reserve a portion of it before putting raw meat or poultry in it.

A deep-fried turkey is another way to cook a Thanksgiving turkey. Keep the oil at the proper temperature and you will get a crispy skin and tender meat with about two grams of fat added per serving. Remember that if the temperature of the oil drops below 350°F, oil seeps into the meat and raises the fat content. The turkey must be completely thawed and not be stuffed to be fried. In addition, it should be 12 pounds or less so it will fit in the fryer.

Turkeys can be grilled on charcoal or gas. When grilling a turkey, be sure it is entirely thawed. Turkeys that are 16 pounds or less are the recommended size. A larger turkey remains in the "Danger Zone"—between 40 and 135°F—too long.

When smoking you will not need any fancy recipes since it's the smoke that gives it the flavor. The process is not as fast as other preparation methods so check the manufacturer's recommendations.

Use a food thermometer to check the temperature where the thigh meets the main carcass of the turkey. It should be at least 165°F. Most people will consider this undercooked, so go to 175-180°F. If it is stuffed,



Vicki Hayman  
Extension  
Notes

the stuffing must also register 165°F. Turkeys should be stuffed loosely and cooked immediately to prevent foodborne illness. Do not stuff turkeys to be grilled or fried!

Don't rely on temperature indicators, such as the red pop-ups, that are provided. These are not always accurate. Check the temperature yourself with a food thermometer.

For some, pink in a cooked turkey raises a "red flag." In actuality, pink meat is not a reliable indicator of doneness. Meat may have a slight pink color and still be at a safe temperature. Always use a food thermometer to be sure. Smoked turkey typically has a pink color.

A Thanksgiving meal can last after Thanksgiving Day when stored properly. Leftovers should be refrigerated and used within four days. Freeze Thanksgiving leftovers for future meals.

For additional facts and information on cooking your Thanksgiving turkey, these places have answers so don't panic!

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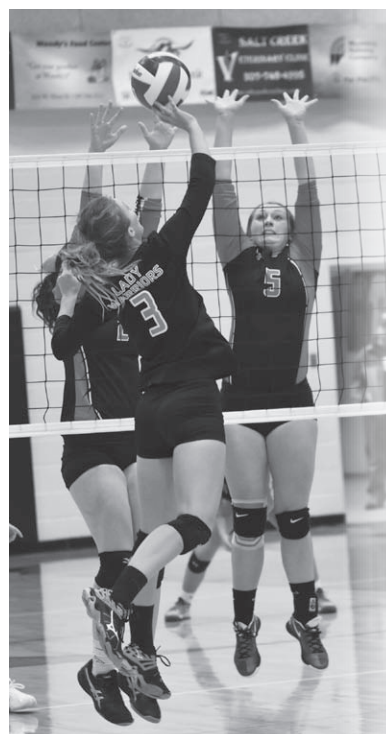
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I hope new methods of cooking a turkey will be tried this year, and you will follow the standards and cook meat safely. REMEMBER: Always wash hands, utensils, the sink, and anything else that comes in contact with raw turkey and its juices with soap and water.

(Sources: Butterball, National Turkey Federation, Perdue, USDA Food Safety and Inspection Services, USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline)

## Volleyball

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**Volleyball @ 3A East Regional Tournament 10/27-28/2017**  
**Newcastle v. Rawlins: 9-25, 11-25, 15-25**  
 Lauren Steveson: 1 kill, 1 block assist, 2 stuff blocks, 2 digs  
 Lauren Lacey: 4-6 serves, 1 kill, 4 set assists, 1 stuff block, 8 digs  
 Madi Pearson: 3-5 serves, 1 kill, 2 set assists, 10 digs  
 Erika Schultz: 2-4 serves, 1 dig  
 Shaelee Douglas: 5-5 serves, 2 digs  
 Shaye Walker: 2-2 serves, 2 digs  
 Grace Coy: 1 kill, 1 stuff block, 1 dig  
 Shelby Davis: 2 kills, 1 stuff block, 3 digs  
 Johnna Dawson: 12-12 serves, 3 aces, 4 digs  
 Carson Quigley: 1-3 serves, 2 digs  
**Newcastle v. Worland: 6-25, 17-25, 15-25**  
 Lauren Steveson: 4 kills  
 Lauren Lacey: 11-11 serves, 4 aces, 2 kills, 9 set assists, 4 digs  
 Madi Pearson: 4-6 serves, 1 ace, 1 kill, 6 set assists, 8 digs  
 Erika Schultz: 6-7 serves, 1 ace, 2 digs  
 Shaelee Douglas: 7-8 serves, 5 digs  
 Shaye Walker: 1-4 serves, 1 ace, 3 kills, 1 dig  
 Grace Coy: 3 kills, 1 block assist, 1 stuff block, 2 digs  
 Shelby Davis: 1 kill, 2 digs  
 Johnna Dawson: 4-4 serves, 4 digs  
 Christina Hadlock: 5 digs  
 Carson Quigley: 1-1 serve, 1 kill, 2 digs

"Girls who struggled on Friday had their composure. Those that had their composure on Friday had it even more on Saturday, and our scores were pretty good," Stanton declared. "Worland is a solid team and played very well all day on Saturday, but I think they were nervous at certain points against us. They didn't really know what to expect out of us."

Unfortunately, unforced errors and serve-serve issues once again haunted the Lady Dogies as they dropped the match 6-25, 17-25, and 15-25, and ended their season. Though this was not the conclusion the squad had hoped for, Stanton recognized there was much to be gained from the experience.

"I feel like they gave everything they had to give in that

moment. It was a bunch of young girls playing, and there were only a couple who had seen Regional experience before and that does factor in," she began. "You've got family there that haven't seen you play before, you just got moved up to varsity, you're in front of your friends, and there's a lot going on. That all makes a difference."

With the season ended, Stanton reflected on how her squad pulled through.

"I'm incredibly proud of these girls and their perseverance, their tenacity, the grit they've shown, the leadership, and the comradery that has developed in the last few weeks. I couldn't ask for more than they've shown, and I just wish we had more time now," she smiled.

## Swim

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having to take a little over two seconds off her PR finish of 1:07.34 at the Conference Meet. Though she set another PR of 1:06.24 on Thursday, Townsend was out of the running to move on in that event.

However, Townsend had one more shot in the 100 Backstroke. At the Conference Meet, she was just a second and a half away from qualifying, but it just wasn't in the cards for her on Thursday.

"Madi showed so much improvement from one week to the next in the backstroke, so we were hoping for that again this week," Scribner began. "I think that she was just too tired because there was not enough time

between the 200 Free Relay and the 100 Back, and she was disappointed about the 100 Free, so that combination may have contributed to her adding time, rather than taking it off."

Freshman phenom Hannah Gross added the final event to her State slate by qualifying in the 100 Breaststroke, which according to Scribner is her weakest stroke. By doing so, Gross has qualified in every event except for diving.

The Lady Dogies' lone diver, Sarah Henkle, finished off her career at Kozisek Aquatic Center with her best diving score to date by putting up a 192.75. Not only was it

a PR, but she blew away her previous best by over 22 points.

"Sarah dove very well, hitting some of her harder dives, so that helped her score," Scribner nodded. "I think she's in a good spot for State this week because she's getting consistent on those."

While Henkle was understandably pleased with her performance on the board, if she had one regret it was that she was unable to beat the current school record held by her diving coach, Hannah (Roetzel) Cummings.

"Sarah was nervous in her first two dives, but then she hit her double for her third, and from there she relaxed," Scribner explained. "If she would have hit those first two, she would have easily gone over 200, and would have had a chance at the record. Hannah was actually wanting her to do that more than Sarah, so it would have been cool."

Henkle will compete in the 50 Free and the 1 Meter Diving at the State meet, while Gross will swim the 100 Backstroke and probably the 100 Free. Though that decision is not final, Scribner indicated those would be the most likely events for the freshman strategically speaking.

The action gets underway at 2:00 p.m. in Gillette this Thursday, with diving followed by prelims in swimming. The Finals begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, and will follow a regular meet format.

**Last Chance Qualifier Meet 10/26/17**

200 Medley Relay: 2:20.77	100 Backstroke
2. Becca Henkle, Hannah Gross, Sarah Henkle, Emily Pearson	4. Madi Townsend 1:16.17
200 IM	8. Gracie Emmitt 1:39.99
DQ. Riley Coburn	100 Breaststroke
50 Free	1. Hannah Gross 1:19.75 3AQ
1. Hannah Gross 25.15	4. Emily Pearson 1:38.98
2. Sarah Henkle 27.92	5. Becca Henkle 1:39.66
12. Gracie Emmitt 36.51	400 Free Relay 5:41.08
1 Meter Diving	3. Madi Townsend, Becca Henkle, Gracie Emmitt, Riley Coburn
2. Sarah Henkle 192.75 PR	
100 Butterfly	
1. Becca Henkle 1:22.85	
100 Free	
1. Emily Pearson 1:04.33 PR	
2. Madi Townsend 1:06.24 PR	
7. Riley Coburn 1:24.69	
200 Free Relay 2:00.64	
1. Hannah Gross, Sarah Henkle, Riley Coburn, Emily Pearson	



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# Quigley claims the Wyoming Heisman



Cam Quigley's football season ended prematurely with an injury in last weekend's semi-final game, but he continues to earn accolades for his work on the field, in the classroom and in the community. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

By **Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Reporter

Staying true to hard work, dedication, perseverance,

integrity and the gift of natural ability has proven fruitful for senior Cam Quigley, as he was notified nearly two weeks ago that he was named as

a state winner for Wyoming in the Wendy's High School Heisman scholarship competition.

Athletes and scholars from

every state across the country are nominated by teachers/coaches from their high schools each year, and ultimately two national winners

will be named. Quigley was nominated by science teacher Jim Stith when school began in the fall, and has advanced from school winner, to state finalist, to state winner. He is now awaiting the announcement of the national finalists, which will take place next week.

"I nominated him, reviewed his application, and occasionally harassed him when deadlines came up, but he had that down," Stith chuckled. "I nominate all my senior athletes who qualify, but this year he was the only one who actually followed through instead of deleting 'just another email'."

The process began with Quigley filling out the Phase I application, where he listed his achievements in sports, his GPA, and his community service as it is a combination of qualities that are considered when choosing the winners. Quigley is a four-sport athlete, has a GPA of 4.0 and has been active in community service through his involvement in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), as well as through his sports' programs.

Two winners from each school are selected, which narrows the field to around 5,000 kids across the U.S. From there, 10 boys and 10 girls are selected as state finalists, and finally one boy and one girl emerge as state winners. The winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a Wendy's gift card.

"I didn't know anything about the program, but when Mr. Stith nominated me, I filled out the application," Quigley stated. "I never really expected to hear anything back, so when I found out I won, it was pretty cool."

With Phase I completed, Quigley has advanced to Phase II and the national competition. For this level, he was required to fill out another,

more involved, application in which he elaborated on his qualifications for the award by writing essays to answer five questions regarding overcoming adversity in sports, and how community service impacts success in different sports.

"The state winners obviously have good qualifications, but the essay questions will be what sets you apart from others at the national level," Quigley nodded. "I talked about the things that I've done through FBLA, like Totes of Hope and other community service projects we've done. I also talked about how I've helped out with Future Dogie basketball camps and Little Dogie football camps."

Quigley's athletic achievements include being named to All-State Football in 2016, and All-Conference Football in 2015 and 2016. He had to sit out of basketball last season due to a shoulder injury that happened in the first weekend of the season, but was second team All-Conference in 15-16. He placed at the State Track Meet in the 4x4 relay as a sophomore, but the injury his junior year kept him out of track as well. Finally, he was part of the Senior Babe Ruth team who were two-time state champions.

Five boys and five girls will be announced as national finalists during the week of November 6-10, and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Finally, one boy and one girl will be named the National winners and will get a \$10,000 scholarship to be awarded in New York City, with the ceremony broadcast on ESPN.

"It's cool already, even if I don't get any further," Quigley smiled. "But the national winners get to take pictures with the actual Heisman Trophy winners and that would be a really cool connection."

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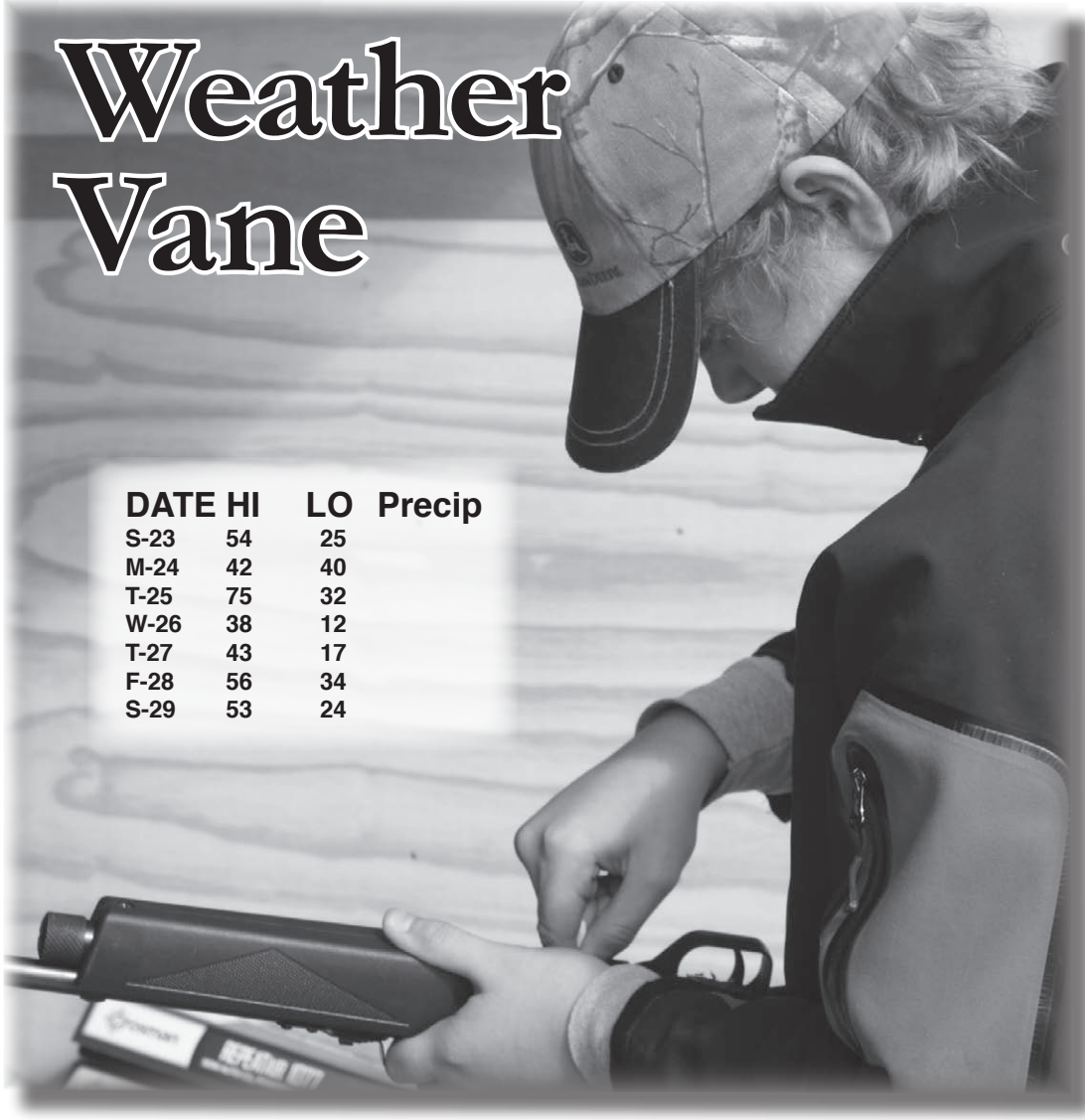
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## Blotter

**October 22, 2017**  
Assist other agency. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Hit and Run accident reported. Assault reported. Suspicious activity reported.

**October 23**  
Traffic stop, One arrest. VIN inspection requested. Report of dog at large. Missing dog reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Theft reported.

**October 24**  
Theft reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Three VIN inspections requested. Civil standby requested. Report of a dog at large. 911 misdial. 911 misdial. Assist other agency. Lost property reported. Report of a dog at large, Impounded.

**October 25**  
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Phone fraud reported. Three VIN inspections requested. Assist other agency. Theft reported. 911 misdial. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Welfare check requested.

**October 26**  
Funeral escort requested. Hit and Run accident reported.

**October 27**  
Traffic stop, Citation issued. Lost property reported. Parking complaint. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.



**October 28**  
Medical assist. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

## Legal Notice

**STATE OF WYOMING  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF WESTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF:  
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NEXT BEST FRIEND AND MOTHER,  
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Civil Action No. CV-1782**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF VERIFIED  
PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR  
CHILD**

Notice is hereby given that on June 27, 2017, a Verified Petition for Name Change of Minor Child was filed in the District Court of Weston County, State of Wyoming, by and through his next best friend and mother, Lesli Ann Wineteer, on behalf of her minor child, Anthony Lee Benson, praying for an Order of Name Change whereby Anthony Lee Benson's name would be changed to Anthony Lee Benson Wineteer.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the Order of Name Change may do so by filing an objection, in writing, with the Clerk of the above named Court, no later than thirty (30) days following the last date of publication of this notice in this matter.

DATED this 2nd day of October, 2017.

BY THE COURT:  
Gidget Macke  
by C. Donna Podio  
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(Publish October 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 2017)

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(Publish November 2, 2017)

## Public Notice

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL  
SETTLEMENT FOR THE  
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WINDOW REPLACEMENT AND MASONRY  
REPAIRS AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON  
COUNTY, WYOMING**

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, State Construction Department, has accepted as complete, according to plans, specifications, and rules governing the same, the work performed under that certain Service Contract 05SC0066951, between the State of Wyoming, State Construction Department and S&S Builders, LLC., whose address is: P.O. Box 1867, Gillette, Wyoming 82717, for the work performed, materials, equipment, or tools furnished or used and services rendered for the substantial completion of the Wyoming State Forestry Building Window Replacement and Masonry Repairs, Bid No. 0212-B, at Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming. The contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Department of Administration and Information will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on December 6, 2017. The date of the first publication is October 26, 2017.

(Publish October 26, November 2 and 9, 2017)

## Meeting Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees will have a 5:30 p.m. early start for their meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

(Publish November 2, 2017)



## Fun and Games

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  - 4,840 square yards
  - Your, to Shakespeare
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  - Drives a getaway car, e.g.
  - First off sinking ship?
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  - Bigfoot's cousins
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  - \*"Aim High... Fly-Fight-Win" org.
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  - James Bond, don't say this!
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## Bird Cage Theatrics to present ‘Steel Magnolias’

*Hollywood hit the first of five shows at the Fountain this season*

by Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

As part of its five-show season, Bird Cage Theatrics Co. will bring the play “Steel Magnolias” to the dining room at the Fountain Inn. The show will play Nov. 3-4 and Nov. 10-11, at 7:30 p.m. on all dates, with a matinee performance on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m.

Tickets to the show, which is guaranteed to make you laugh, and possibly cry, are \$20 with the option to purchase one of three dinner choices, as well as beer and wine. Meal options range from \$20 to \$26, and include lemon pepper chicken, rib-eye steak and a seafood dish.

“You get a great dinner and a great show for less than \$50 a head, and you don’t even have to leave town,” director Shane Sellers said.

The decision was made to bring “Steel Magnolias” to the stage in Newcastle after the success of “MOMologues,” which was performed last fall. Sellers expressed his and director Dorothy Brown’s surprise at the success of “MOMologues,” which featured both only female actors. They wanted a show with similar qualities.

“It dawned on us that ‘Steel Magnolias’ has the same qualities. It is the funniest show to make you cry, and I think the audience sees that,” Sellers said.

Sellers said that ‘Steel Magnolias’ is a well-known story, and one of the most popular plays to grace the American stage. He noted that everyone loves the characters in the show for one reason or another, making the show a hit.

“Steel Magnolias” will feature five of Newcastle’s talented actresses: Jade McConkey as Shelby Eatenton, Irma Fouch as Ouiser Boudreux, Carol Thurman as Clairee Belcher, Katie Bailey as Annelle Dupuy, Mary Romine as Truvy Jones and Michal Hanselmann as M’Lynn Eatenton.

“These actors, I don’t know where Newcastle digs these people up, but they are very talented

actresses. Dorothy and I are floored by the genuine way they bring the characters to life,” Sellers said. “It’s a marvel to have the quality we have in Newcastle.”

Bird Cage Theatrics will bring four more shows to the community over the coming months, including the “Best Christmas Pageant Ever” in December, “The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Stories” in March and “The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance” to close out the season. Sellers plans to feature a yet-to-be-determined show in February, but is leaning toward a talent show.

“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” is a very funny play. We will use a handful of adults and a bunch of kids; most of the roles are kids,” Sellers said.

Sellers hopes to use children involved in Bird Cage Juniors to fill those roles and help put the show on. Sellers originally did not plan on using the children in a show until March, but after working with them, he said he believes they can have the show ready in six weeks to play on Dec. 15, 16 and 17.

Bird Cage Theatrics will continue to use the facilities at the Fountain Inn for shows and workshops, and Fountain Inn owner Darshan Patel said that there are even talks of bringing something outdoors to the hotel in spring or summer.

Sellers approached the Patel’s about getting involved with the theatrics program and using some of the hotel’s space to host the children’s workshops, and Patel said they decided to use the upstairs dining space to provide for a dinner-theater atmosphere.

“I really enjoy things that bring culture to the community. A lot of people my age say there is not a lot of culture here, but we have to create that culture and bring it to the community. It is important for us to develop the culture we do have, and the arts are an important thing to invest in,” Patel said.

**What:** Steel Magnolias  
**When:** Nov. 3-4, 10-11 at 7:30 pm  
Nov. 5 at 2:00 pm  
**Where:** The Fountain Inn

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